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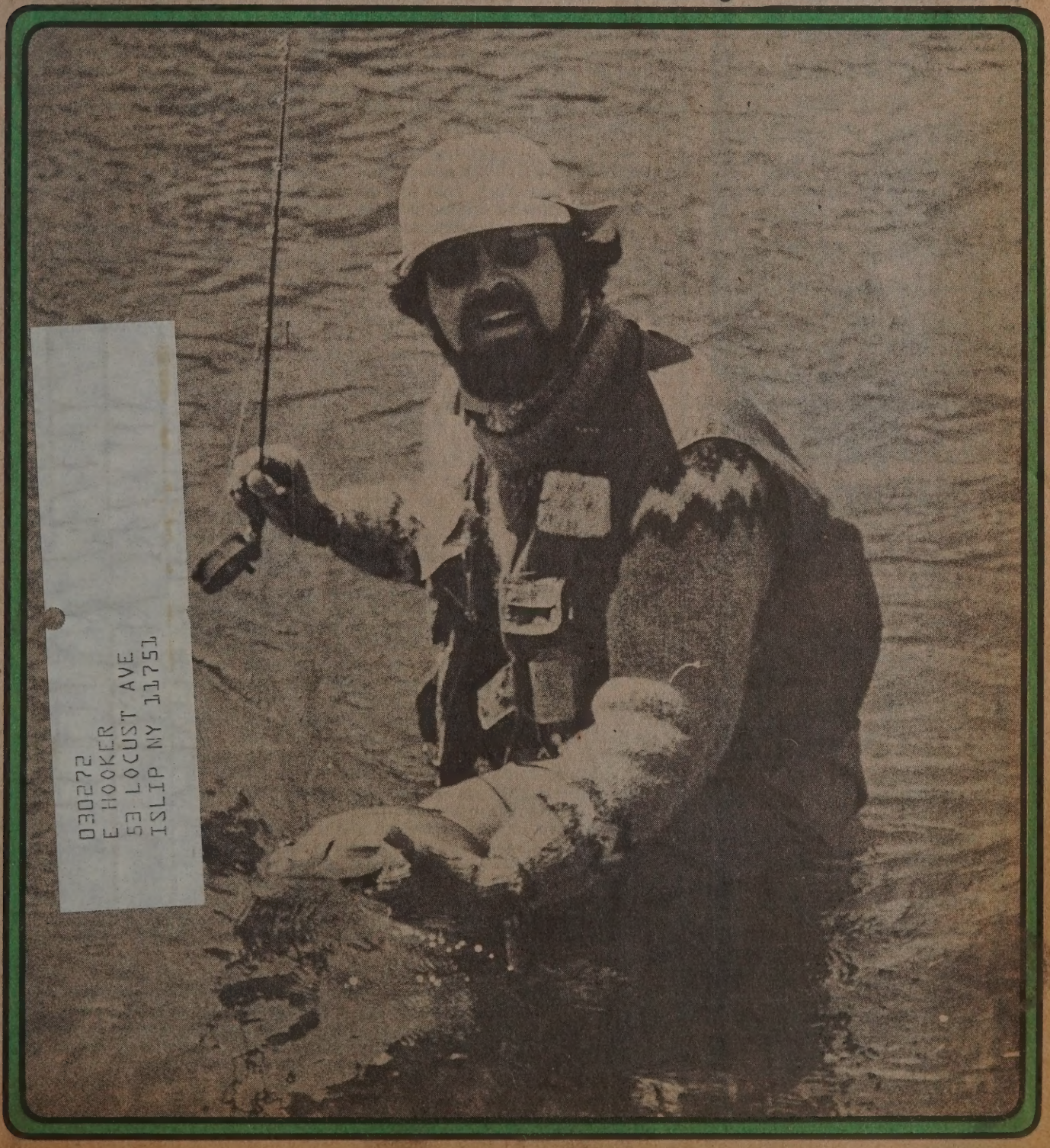

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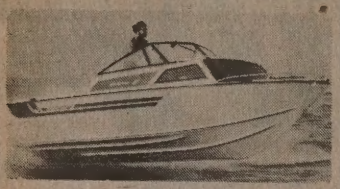

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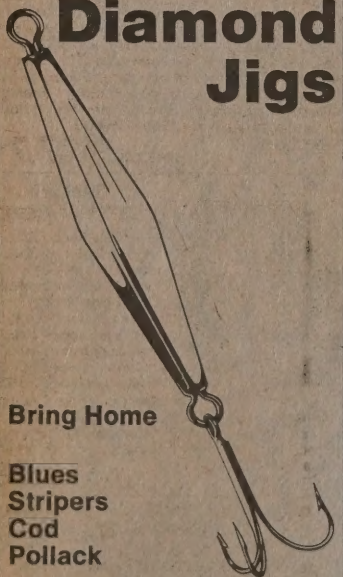

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EDITORIAL

INPUT TO MID-ATLANTIC COUNCIL REPS

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a copy of a letter that was sent to each of the two New York State representatives to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council: Mr. Richard Miller and Mr. Robert Cooper. Both men are representatives of the commercial fishing industry and both hold seats on the Council. They are required to represent all the citizens of their home state as they participate in Council activities. Thus, we have gone on record with respect to our convictions and our representatives cannot suggest, somewhere down the road, that they voted as they did because they received no input from recreational fishermen.

Your recent appointment to a seat on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council has raised many questions among marine recreational fishermen in New York. That your roots are in commercial fishing has had something to do with origins of those questions.

However, the circumstances of your appointment, as well as the parameters that define your responsibilities as a member of the Council, require that you represent the interests and desires of **all** the people of New York State. The accomplishment of a balanced representation might appear difficult given your roots, yet history has shown us that responsibility can cause enlightened dispatch of responsibility. That is, given a genuine desire to execute one's responsibility on a high level and given there exists an open-minded approach, otherwise biased individuals can grow beyond such limitations and the job can make the man.

Since you are by fiat the representative of recreational fishermen as well as commercial fishermen, we thought it an opportune time to discuss this bit of philosophy with you as well as to express our points of view. The Long Island Fisherman has come, during the span of the last 18 years, to represent the 2.3 million marine recreational anglers of New York and thus it seems appropriate for us to outline our concerns on matters wyou will come to deliberate during the next few years.

First, we are very much interested in the establishment of meaningful management plans for all fisheries. We do not encourage recreational-biased management plans, but instead reasonable plans that adequately protect species and allow for **all** interest groups to co-exist in an economically healthy environment. Protection of the resource must come before either the personal and economic interests of recreational and commercial fishermen. It is our belief that if stocks are healthy then both our industries will prosper as well. We take exception to some NMFS stock assessments because we do not believe these adquately reflect complex ecological relationships in the sea and the relatively little understood phenomenon of spill-over wherein certain regions only experience good "runs" of fish when stocks are at very high levels. In a number of cases, traditional domestic recreational and commercial fishing activities have depended upon such spill-over phenomenon. In short, it is one thing to sample a population in an area of maximum concentration and pronounce the stock healthy and quite another to fully understand a complex stock deployment pattern which can be the only **true** stock assessment approach.

Second, we are very concerned that it be understood at the Council that recreational anglers have a keen interest in some species of finfish and squid in spite of the fact that no directed recreational fishery exists for these species. Our interest is in the value of these species as food sources for a variety of predators. Thus, we believe allocations for these species to the ocean ecosystem are essential if stocks of other species, with great value to both recreational and commercial fishermen, are to be sustained at high levels.

Third, we are most interested in the progress and prompt implementation of a bluefish plan. We are sure you are aware of the great traditional importance of bluefish to the recreational fishing industry and, of course, to individual recreational anglers. We have noticed, via a reading of the Council minutes, that your posture regarding a bluefish plan has been something less than enthusiastic. Thus, we wish to remind you of your responsibility and point out that the approval of an appropriate bluefish management plan is a very high priority to the recreational fishermen you

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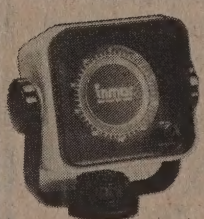

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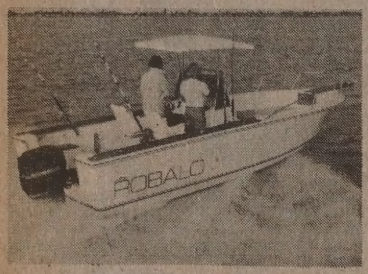

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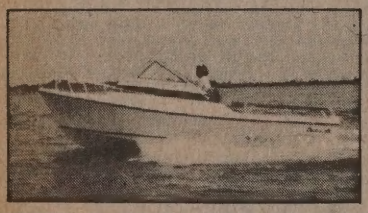

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SHARPEN YOUR CUTLERY SKILLS AT MERRICK TACKLE

Sharp tips on the selection, care and storage of knives will be offered by the company representative of Russell Harrington Cutlery on Saturday, March 27th, between the hours of 10AM and 4PM at Merrick Tackle Center, 2655 Merrick Road, Bellmore.

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Continuous demonstrations on the safe and proper use of steels and sharpening stones to hone razor-like edges will be conducted throughout the day to help you maintain your cutlery at peak performance.

SOUTH SHORE FLY RODDERS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The South Shore Fly Rodders are looking for new members who are interested in all types of fly fishing.

The first club meeting will be held at Newbridge Rd. Park, in Bellmore at 8PM, Thursday, March 25th. For more info, call Jim at (516-781-1489 or Ron at (516-567-5910.

PAIR OF SPORTFISHING VESSELS TO BE AUCTIONED BY SOUTHAMPTON COLLEGE

Two well-equipped sportfisherman vessels in mint condition will be auctioned off in April to support the Southampton College of Long Island University Marine Science Program.

On Friday, April 2, at 2PM, a 1981 35' Seahawk will be auctioned at Jackson's Marina in Hampton Bays. This twin diesel sportfisherman has been used less than 15 hours. There is a minimum bid of $80,000.

On Friday, April 9, a 1957 37' Rybovich with a minimum bid of $60,000 will be sold at auction at 2PM at the Coecles Harbor Marina, Hudson Avenue, Shelter Island.

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BOATMANS FORUM A BIG SUCCESS

Ten years ago this month, a group of captains and other concerned citizens met in Sheepshead Bay to form the Emergency Committee to Save America's Marine Resources—and fight for the 200 Mile Limit. The Committee's goal was achieved in four years with passage of the legislation, and the law went into effect on March 1, 1977. On March 2 this year the Atlantic Professional Boatmans Association elected its first official slate of offers who hope to duplicate the sucess of the Emergency Committee while attacking a host of new problems.

The all-day session on March 2 in Sheepshead Bay started out with a Boatmans Forum co-sponsored by the Sea Grant programs of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut and the Atlantic Professional Boatmans Association. This was followed at night by the first annual dinner-meeting of the new trade association for passenger-carrying vessels—primarily party and charter fishing vessels. Over 100

captains representing ports from Barnegat Light, New Jersey to Wakefield, Rhode Island participated in the forum. Among the featured speakers were Allen Peterson, Director of the Northeast Region, National Marine Fisheries Service; Bruce Freeman, Administrator, Marine Fisheries, New Jersey; John Mason, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; Roger Locandro, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Eric Smith, Connecticut Department of Environmental Conservation; and Bruce DeYoung, New York Sea Grant Extension Program.

Among the problems discussed during the day were the many present and potential fishery management plans for such species as bluefish, cod, fluke, striped bass, and mackerel—as well as the recent international agreement which will severely limit the catch of bluefin tuna this year. The captains indicated strong support for a bluefish management plan which would prevent a big new commercial fishery, based on an export market, from developing. Peterson promised to work with the Mid-Atlantic Council in order to come up with a plan that would accomplish the basic purpose and still meet the guidelines imposed by the 200 mile limit law.

The Atlantic Professional Boatmans Association will actively support management plans which will conserve the resource and provide a fair shake for the recreational fisherman. The Association will also work against the imposition of Coast Guard user fees—a system which would impose great financial burdens on charter and party boats, as well as private boats. Patrons of these boats would be quickly affected by the higher fares which would be required in order to cover the sharply increased cost of doing business. A letter received from Congressman Norman Lent (R-NY) assured the membership of his opposition to the Administration proposals and urged the captains to be prepared to do battle on this issue. According to Lent, charter boats would be hit with minimum fees of $1,350 per year, while recreational boats would face charges of between $200 and $400 annually!

The following slate was elected at the Atlantic Professional Boatmans Association dinner-meeting:

President—Capt. Carl Darenberg, Jr.—Montauk Boatmans Assn.

Vice Pres—Capt. Howard Bogan, Jr., United Boatmen of New Jersey.

Treas.—Captain George Thomas, Sheepshead Bay Boat Owners Alliance.

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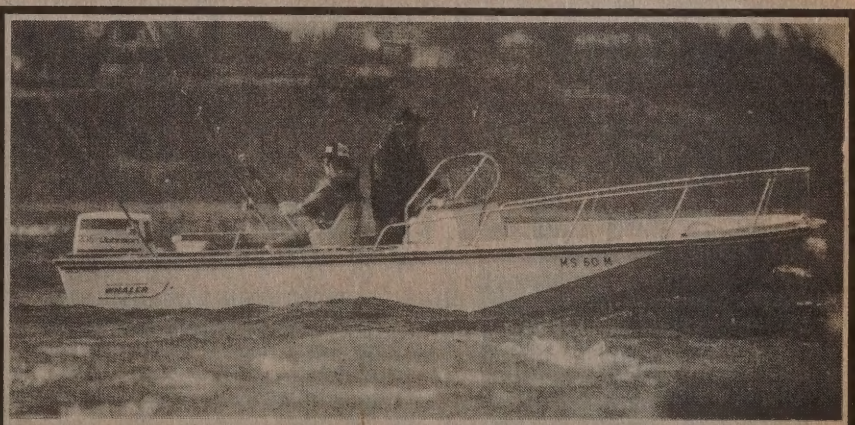

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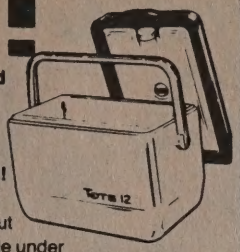

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The Atlantic Professional Boatmans Association hopes to expand north and south in the near future. Membership is limited to captains and owners of passenger carrying vessels, but various categories of associate memberships are available. Information about the Association can be obtained by writing to Ristori at 2 Vermont Ct., Lake Hiawatha, NJ 07034.

SO. SHORE MARLIN & TUNA CLUB'S NEW OFFICERS

The South Shore Marlin & Tuna Club held their dinner and dance at Felice's Restaurant in Patchogue on March 20th. The following are their new slate of officers:

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More info can be obtained by calling Guy, 212-473-5377 after 6PM.

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EXPANSION OF OFFSHORE CANYON WEATHER REPORTS

The New Jersey Marine Advisory Service reminds the fishing public that the offshore canyon weather reports it began in the Summer of 1981 will continue throughout the winter months to meet the needs of the offshore fishermen.

The forecasts provided by the Bendix Field Engineering Corporation's Marine Science Services Division will continue the reports from Block Canyon to Baltimore Canyon and will also expand the forecast area. Starting in mid-December at the request of Long Island and New Jersey offshore commercial fishermen the forecast will extend out to 40°N - 69°W (near Hydrographer Canyon).

The format will remain the same: a weather synopsis and forecast covering winds, waves, swells, precipitation, visibility and an extended 3-5 day outlook.

The program is available Monday through Thursday from 4:30PM to 9AM and Friday from 4:30PM to Monday at 9AM from the New Jersey Marine Advisory Service office in Toms River on (201) 349-1152.

If there are any problems with the forecast or its format, please call the same number during the day. Do not call for the weather report during normal working hours.

It would be greatly appreciated if those finding the forecast beneficial would write a note to the New Jersey Marine Advisory Service, Whitesville Rd., Toms River, N.Y. 08753.

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Persons entering the contest should submit either published stories, radio tape or video tape.

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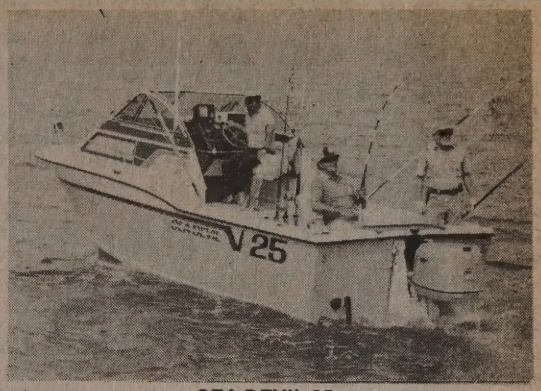

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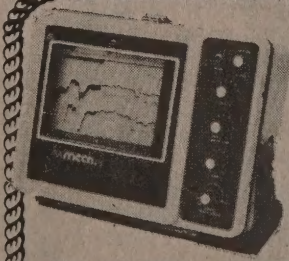

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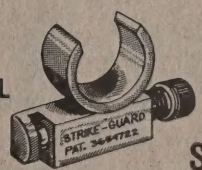

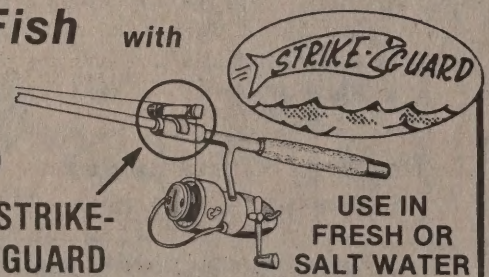

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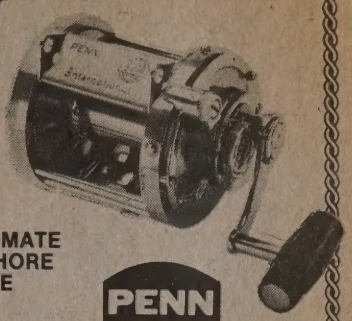

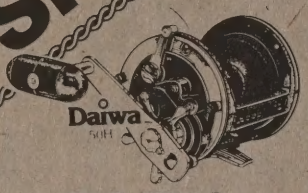

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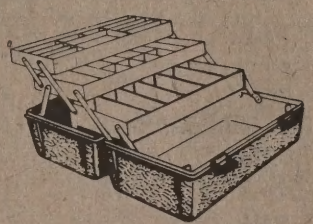

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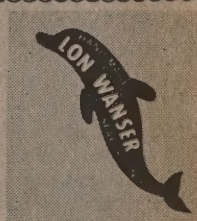

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THE CONNECTQUOT RIVER:

AN ADVENTURE IN PARADISE

by Angelo Peluso

Many came to this place by chauffeured limousine, looking to escape the hectic pace of the financial community. Bankers and brokers and wealthy industrialists, all converging on this piece of Long Island real estate to share a common interest. So magnetic was the river's appeal that it even attracted an occasional president and foreign dignitary. Aside from being a natural wonderland, it has maintained a long-sustained reputation as a fly fishing paradise.

Each time that I walk the grounds or fish in the cool waters of the river, I try to imagine what it must have been like back in the park's earlier days. But the beauty of the place has been preserved and the trout fishing couldn't be better. I guess that things haven't changed all that much. It has been awhile since this portion of the Connetquot River was the exclusive domain of the sporting elite, but tradition still hangs heavy around the park.

Situated in Oakdale in southwestern Long Island, the Connetquot River and its adjoining 3,473-acres comprise the Connetquot River State Park. Prior to becoming a prized possession of the State Park system in 1973, the Connetquot was owned and maintained by the Southside Sportsmen's Club. The Club's five miles of fabulous trout water, the wide variety of wildlife and the expansive acreage were shared by a fortunate few. Succumbing to taxes, the Club relinquished its right of ownership to the State. Since 1975, fly fishermen have had access privileges to the park to try their skills on the river's brook, brown and rainbow trout.

I can vividly recall my first exposure to the Connetquot back in May, 1975. After a friend informed me that the park was opened to fly fishermen, I telephoned the Long Island State Park Commission to reserve a morning "beat." The park has 32 fishing beats available to anglers and offers three different sessions: 7AM-11AM; Noon-4PM, and 5PM-dark. My particular selection would place me on the river the following Sunday during the early bird session. The day couldn't arrive quickly enough since I'd heard so much about the quality of fly fishing on this jewel of a trout stream. But arrive it did, and I was ready.

The park attendant opened the gates at about six o'clock and in I drove. I stopped for a second to admire the herd of white tails that continued to graze in a small field. Something about seeing those deer hinted that this was going to be a

productive day. After parking the car, I checked in at the attendant's booth and selected my morning's fishing site. My beat was situated on the upper half of the river and required a twenty minute walk to get to. The walk was well worth it for the wildlife in this park is truly a joy to behold. In addition to seeing quite a few more deer, I came upon some mallards, a covey of quail and even a half dozen wild turkey. Before realizing it, I was at the hatchery, a monument to the old Southside Sportsmen's Club. The hatchery still functions today and generates approximately 35,000 trout for stocking into both the Connetquot and the Nissequogue, another of the Island's quality trout streams.

Finally, I reached my destination. For a first-time selection, I was very impressed with my assigned water. The upper limit of my boundaries had a good-looking pool with a nice stretch of slow moving water. Down toward where I was standing, the pace of the river quickened, providing a bit of variety with some riffles and backwater. It appeared that it would make for an interesting morning of fishing. I decided to work upstream and settled on using Mickey Finn bucktail pattern. As I cautiously stepped into the stream I remembered the attendant's comment that wading was permissible if care was exercised. The banks and stream bed of the Connetquot are rather fragile and careless waders can accelerate the natural erosion process. So off I went, upstream, casting this red and yellow bundle of fur. Slightly quartering my casts upriver, I laid the streamer into every likely looking spot. Cast after cast after cast brought no response. I was beginning to get a bit worried; I expected the trout to actually jump into my creel after all of the stories I'd been told. I eventually reached the upper portion of my beat and had not yet felt the pleasant tug of a fish.

I now decided to retrace my steps and fish down-river. I also decided that it was time to remove the unproductive fly and replace it with the time-tested Muddler. So, once again, off I went with a re-kindled hope that on this pass I would connect. After a dozen or so casts one of the river's inhabitants made the almost fatal mistake of confusing my imitation minnow pattern for the real thing. The trout's fight was brief yet quite aggressive. It showed a lot of spunk for a hatchery raised specimen. As I brought the fish to net I was pleased to see that it was a nice, fat brookie, about 10'' or 11'' in length. There is a warm spot in my heart for this stocked member of the char family. Say what you will about the wily brown, the brookie will always give a good accounting of itself. The colorful female headed straight for the nearest piece of cover as I removed the hook from its bottom lip.

The casting and wading continued until I spotted a pod of trout positioned in their feeding lanes. The first few casts were met with responses which indicated to me that the trout were curious. I was encouraged to continue casting to them since they hadn't shown any signs of being spooked. Impulsively, one of the brookies decided to strike and was hooked firmly with an upward motion of my wrist. The fish quickly ran downstream with the current as an aid. Running through a quiet pool the brookie did a 180 and headed back at me. A slightly larger fish than the first, it, too, eventually spent itself and was slid into the waiting net. The pod of trout had been disturbed during this fight and had situated themselves further down-river. So after releasing my newest catch, I stepped out of the water to rest the area. Only several minutes had elapsed before deciding to re-enter the stream. Luck was with me for yet another brook trout was fooled on my very first cast. This fish fought much harder than the others and after landing it, I realized why: the fish was almost 14'' in length—a respectable brook trout on any stream.

My watch showed that I had but an hour of remaining time to fish during this session. I was determined to search out each and every fish-

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Author fast to a trout amidst the solitude of the park's 3,473 acres.

SPINNERS FOR SPRING TROUT

by Tom Pagliaroli

I stood back from the stream and surveyed the situation. The water appeared slightly turbid due to the runoff of the early spring rains. The undercut bank on the opposite side sheltered a deep hole and the stream bed sloped to another unknown depth at the tail end of the pool. A large boulder squatted in mid-stream, breaking the current's lazy flow, while at the same time creating a good bit of slack water. The downstream water was almost identical in nature and I had a half-mile of stream to myself before it crossed private property. I knotted a size two gold-bladed spinner directly to the four pound test monofilament. After pinching down the barbs, I began my fishing.

Three hours later I called it quits. Four trout, all browns between twelve and fifteen inches in length, were at rest in the bottom of the wicker basket. I had released four smaller trout, none of which stretched to the conscience limit of ten inches. As I cleaned my catch I found each of these trout crammed with minnows. The stream had a reputation for carrying a stable trout population year-round and was heavily stocked during the spring. The trout that fell to the spinner were both native and holdover fish, except one spunky eight inch rainbow which had the unmistakable markings of a freshly stocked hatchery trout. This little fella was far from the launching pad which was a good bit upstream! However, hatchery fish soon revert to a flesh diet after hitting the open water, and this rainbow was no exception. Once again, the spinner had hoodwinked the trout.

Chunky rainbow which fell for a Mepps.

Designed to imitate a crippled or escaping baitfish, the spinner can be utilized under a variety of conditions. Be it high water or low; spring, summer or fall, I contend that the spinner is the most effective lure for trout ever devised. The spinner is a simple lure: a central body with a shaft to accommodate a rotating blade and a set of treble hooks below the body. The blade comes in a variety of shapes, but for all practical purposes we are considering the three basic ones: Aglia, Colorado, and Willowleaf. The Colorado blade is round in shape, while the Willowleaf and Aglia have an oval to pointed shape, are more streamlined than the Colorado and have less water resistance as well. The major spinner manufacturers (Mepps, Rooster Tail, C.P. Swing and Hildebrandt's) rely heavily on either of these shapes for the bulk of their production. Unique among spinners is the Panther-Martin. The shape of this blade is halfway between the Colorado and Willowleaf. The blade is also concave/convex, thus causing the spinner to emit buzzing sounds upon retrieve. This property is advantageous when fishing in heavily discolored water as the trout can home in on the buzz. This buzz simulates the "vibes" sent out by a distressed baitfish.

There is a seemingly endless variety of spinners on today's market. Some have baubles and some have beads and some even have fur or feather dressings around the hooks to enhance their palatability. These lures come in a myriad of sizes, shapes and colors and can appeal as much to the angler as they do to the fish. A few of the colors are really outlandish and I used to shy away from such "gimmicks." This attitude changed when Pequest rainbows displayed a passion for a hot-orange Rooster Tail that I had decided to try out of sheer desperation. The rewards were sweet!

The color of the spinner body can make a difference. In waters populated primarily with brookies or rainbows, brightly-colored spinners often provide strikes. In brown trout waters, somber colors are the most productive. Blade color is also a factor. Gold blades are somewhat more visible in cloudy water than are silver ones. Mepps produces a spinner with a red and white blade and one with a black and yellow blade

which work equally well in dark or clear waters. Prism finished blades have also paid off when all else has failed. Hildebrandt produces a single-hook Colorado blade spinner which has two "flicker spinners" on the hook shaft. These flutter enticingly when retrieved and may just be what is needed to draw a strike. Do not hesitate to experiment. You won't know what strikes a trout's fancy unless you try it.

Spinners are used for trout in both lakes and streams. In lakes, search out dropoffs, sandbars and the like. Trout frequent such areas. You will also find trout where springs or streams flow into the main body of water.

When properly used, spinners will take the larger trout on a stream or brook. A spinner represents a belly-full of protein as opposed to tiny insect appetizers. Once trout reach a certain size (usually fourteen inches or so), they turn to shiners, dace, chubs, sculpins and even crayfish to satisfy their voracious appetites. Aquatic insects take a back seat insofar as chow is concerned.

In streams, look for areas of deeper water, undercut banks, eddies or the broken water behind boulders. Don't overlook the slick water below riffles. Baitfish congregate in such areas and trout should be in the vicinity. The lure should be cast across and quartering upstream. The majority of the time the trout will strike as the spinner finishes its swing across the current. When the upstream approach is not practical, cast directly across or slightly downstream and retrieve. Fish each spot thoroughly. By all means avoid casting directly downstream and then retrieving directly upstream. All this accomplishes is scaring the scales off the trout.

Adjust your tackle according to the conditions. In early season, size two and three spinners should be used because high water is the norm. These larger lures have the extra weight to get close to the bottom. Four pound mono should be adequate. Later in the season into autumn keep to a size one spinner and two pound mono as spinners in size two or three will have trout diving for cover. On a small stream or brook, a size one spinner is akin to a bull in a china closet. Go to a size 0 spinner while sticking with the two pound mono. Size is critical on small waters.

Avoid standard split shot if at all possible. Split shot detracts from the action of the spinner. If weight must be used, go the fly fishing split shot route. The effect on the spinner will be negligible. Ditto on swivels. These gadgets add to the size and bulk of the lure. Tie the spinner directly to the monofilament. Every half-hour or so after a fish is landed, cut off approximately twelve inches of line and re-tie the spinner. Monofilament is cheap and it isn't worth spooking trout to save a few cents worth of line. The improved clinch knot is the best knot to use when tying spinners onto the line.

You will find it far less costly in lost spinners if the barbs on the treble hooks are pinched down. Better yet, cut off one of the hooks from the standard treble hook set-up. Two hooks will hold a trout easily and the barbless hooks pull out of a log easier than barbed hooks. More importantly, far less damage will be done to the fish. Trout have the tendency to smash a spinner from the side, thus getting hooked in the lips, gills or even the eyes. This plus the fact that even a played out fish will squirm when handled, increases the possibility of injury to the fish. Treble hooks are not needed when trout fishing. Single hook spinners are the best to use. Pinch down that barb. Remember, if trout must be handled, please wet your hands before touching them as this minimizes the loss of the trout's protective mucous membrane. This will greatly increase a released trout's survival potential.

Yes, when used properly, the spinner will catch more trout. These can be either park pond stockies or wily native lunkers. There is no frustration over delicate tippets, matching the hatch, or the unholy mess of a forgotten container of worms.

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SOUTH SHORE SAVER

by Andy Regina

When north winds whip the Sound to a froth, the author directs his efforts to that south shore flounder haven, Moriches Bay.

It was dark and it was raining. The howling wind attested to the weatherman's forecast that had plagued us on the long ride from the Bronx to Port Jefferson, where we were supposed to meet our friend. Promising N/NW winds of 15 to 20 knots with gusts even higher, we were banking that the reports would prove false as usual; but such was not the case that miserable morning. We had plans for a shot at some of the large flounder being caught off Rocky Point, but the wind had the Sound whipped into an unfishable froth, and any hopes for launching a boat that morning were literally blown away.

Sipping mugs of steaming coffee in my friend's bungalow at five o'clock in the morning, we decided to take a ride to the other side of the Island, figuring to fish the lee side. The one great feature of trailering a rig on Long Island is that you can almost always fish a lee shore. If the direction of any strong winds makes one shore ugly, you can almost always rely on the opposite shore to be fairly decent—at least decent enough for dedicated fish nuts to safely launch from. With the wind at our back, we drove south to Mastic, where we launched from the town ramp near the Forge River Yacht Club, and soon arrived at our destination in the calm waters of Moriches Bay.

Choosing our spot was easy, marked by a buoy as well as a mini-fleet of rental boats, huddled together as if to draw warmth from each other. Electing to maintain a little independence, we anchored as far away from the fleet as possible, while staying along the edge of a channel that snaked through the Bay. Past experience proved that our decision was not based on whimsy; the water along channels is usually deeper, swifter, colder, and cleaner—all attributes the flounder looks for in its environment. This same water is conducive to clean bottoms and hosts a variety of marine life that flounder feed on, marine worms and shellfish that make up the bulk of flounder diets, while the gravelly bed creates ideal spawning grounds.

Although the wind was not severe, it still made its muscle felt, so we opted to bridle anchor to maintain a steady position. A bridle anchor is merely a second anchor that is set, usually off the stern, so that your boat does not swing too much in a strong wind. As we would be employing a chum pot, we did not want to get too far away from it, which would have negated its purpose, that being to attract hungry flounder to our immediate vicinity. Simply a wire mesh pot with a heavy base filled with crushed mussels or clams and lowered beneath the boat which by jerking on the holding line, would release tiny bits of succulent flounder fodder that would

Happy angler in rental boat adds another nice flattie to his bucket.

drift down-current, mixing with the natural juices and aromas to perk up flattie appetites and prod 'em into seeking the source. Once aroused, the fish would soon be in the vicinity of our baited hooks, where it would then be a simple matter of getting them interested in our baits. To get their attention we jig our rods in an up and down process, bouncing our sinkers on the bottom, creating puffs of mud that very often attract hungry or inquisitive flounder.

The ingredients for our chum pot stew were bank mussels and steamer clams, two foods that the flounder seeks in a natural state, broken and crushed so that the bits of flesh could seep through the mesh of the pot easily. We also shucked some for bait, threading it on small hooks that would easily fit into the tiny puckered mouth of the winter flounder. These small fish have a habit of just sucking in the bait. Their mouths are fairly small and are bereft of teeth, so the fish feeds by swallowing its food. Hooks generally used for the run-of-the-mill flounder found in bays and sounds are small sizes of the Chestertown variety. Sizes usually running from about #6 through #10. Fished directly on the bottom, where all the action is, a pair of snelled hooks are usually tied in tandem an inch or two directly above a sinker that's just heavy enough to hold bottom. Tying tandem hooks is easy. Just bend the snell of one hook in half and slip it through the eye loop of the second hook, then pass the second hook completely through the bent snell of the first one, snug it tight and tie a simple overhand knot in the snell of the first hook, tight against the eye loop of the second hook.

Baiting those hooks properly can mean the difference between a good catch or a mediocre catch. As noted above, mussels and clams are good baits, but so are a host of other baits, including clams of all types, scallops, and seaworms of all types. Any hard-shelled baits, steamer clams included, must first be shucked. Mussels are pretty tough to rig because they are so very soft, but by piercing the tiny black "heart" with the hook, then wrapping the stringy lips or mantle around the bend of the hook, you can usually keep that bait on for enough time to interest any hungry flattie. Strip the neck of shucked steamer clams of the black membrane that covers it and slice the neck lengthwise into long, skinny strips that can be threaded onto the hook, impaling it several times and allowing a bit to trail from the bend of the hook. Hard clams such as little necks, cherrystones, and skimmer clams, should also be sliced into long, thin strips, and likewise threaded onto the hook, keeping part of the mushy "stomach" and mantle hanging off the hook, giving flatties something to get started sucking on. Scallop guts fall into the same category, so use 'em the same way as

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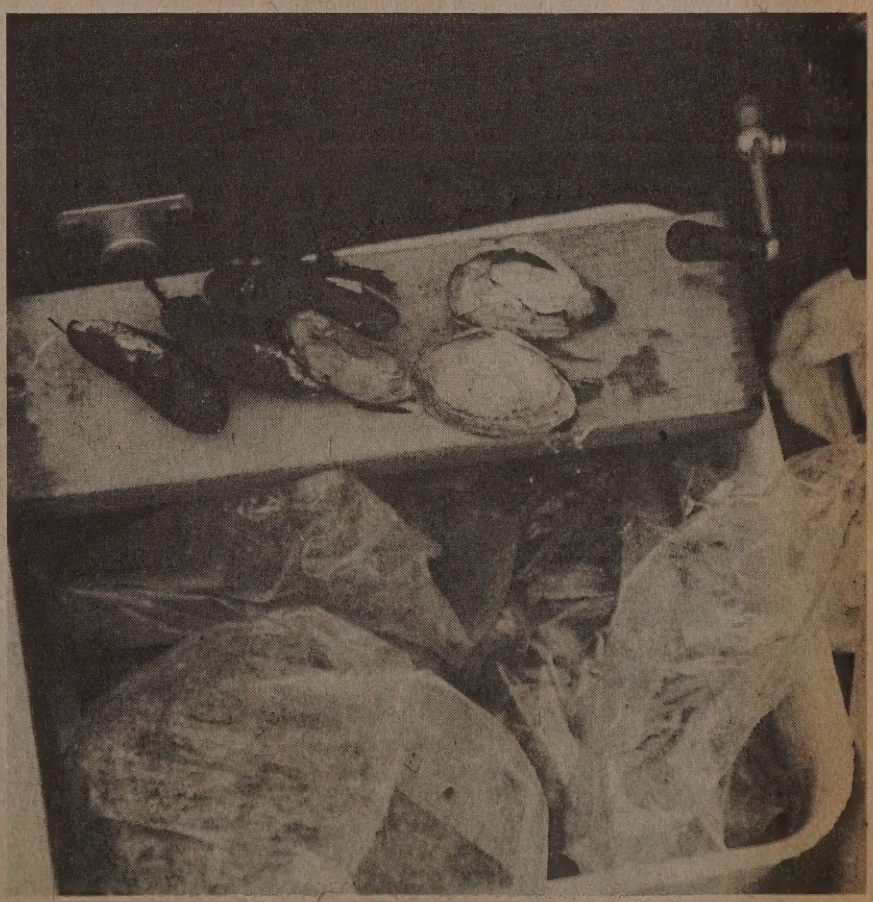
A dynamite bait—tapeworms dug up on the flats at low tide.



Bank mussels and steamer clams crushed in a chum pot are great flounder attractors. Why not use 'em for baits too?

OFFSHORE THERAPY

by Pete Barrett

"A winter project for a cold evening."

Winter is too long for the shark and canyon fishermen. Inshore anglers can get rid of the winter "itch" by spending a Saturday fishing for winter flounder or by taking a trip on one of the party boats sailing for whiting and ling, perhaps even a foray for big cod at the offshore wrecks. But what about the shark or tuna fishermen?

Ah, we can dream of summer and dream of big fish that still stir in our mind's eye from last season. While we're dreaming, though, we can also get some gear ready for the coming months. One easy project to pass a rainy Saturday or a stay-at-home evening is to splice a supply of double lines to match up with your offshore 80 and 50 lb. outfits.

Many anglers use monofilament lines, but the trend is towards braided dacron for reels with lines of 50 lb. test or stronger. Twenty and thirty pound outfits have mono, but 50 and 80s usually have braid because of the lack of stretch in dacron. A large tuna, shark or blue marlin can stretch mono like a rubber band. Sharkers like the dacron because it sets the hook in a large bony jaw with more authority than mono.

If you are using dacron on your big

High flying makos aren't far away. Get ready for June by pre-rigging double lines on your offshore tackle.

reels you can make up the double lines ahead of time rather than wait to make a new double line after it may be chafed by a big fish that ran beneath the boat and scraped the line on the hull or from the hide of a shark.

International Game Fish association regulations allow a double line of 30', and a leader of 30', but the two in combination can be no longer than 40' in TOTAL length. When making your double lines, subtract the length of the leader from the 40' to determine how long the double lines can be.

For instance, shark fishermen often use a leader of 15'. The double line can then be 25' in length. Tuna trollers are shifting to shorter leaders of 10' or 8' (although many still use the 15' leaders). The short leaders would allow you to use the maximum 30' of double line. In order to stay within IGFA regs, I suggest you make up both leaders and double lines slightly shorter than the maximum allowed to be certain of record eligibility should you hook and land a potential record book catch.

Splicing for a double line is easy. Spools of dacron are sold with a splicing needle packaged with the spool and most tackle shops that cater to the offshore angler will have extra needles on hand. If you still can't locate a needle, write to one of the line manufacturers listed at the end of this article.

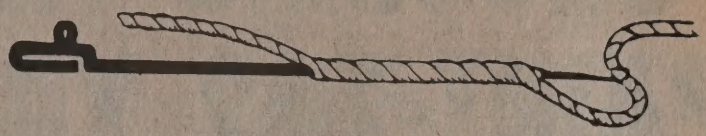
Begin the splice by pulling the correct amount of line from the master spool. I measure six lengths of my 8' workbench to give me 48' total length which when doubled gives a 24' double line. Follow the accompanying diagram to complete the splice.

The double line can be stored on the 6'' circular plastic wheels sold in most tackle shops to store leaders and lures. You could also use empty spools from monofilament line. When you have to replace the double line, use the second splice as shown to bend it to the main fishing line.

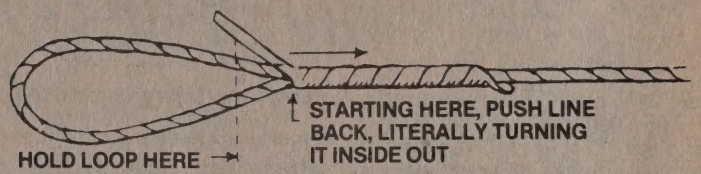
I prefer to fish with a white or fluorescent dacron line like the new line being introduced by Berkley. The white or green line shows up well in the water and helps you to keep track of the fish as you fight him. In order to make the end of the line invisible for shark fishing or tuna chumming, make the double lines from a smaller spool of black dacron line. I then splice the black line to the main white or fluorescent line. This saves the trouble of having to dye the end of the line with ink or a permanent type of magic marker which would accomplish the same result of making the line less visible, but with a lot of mess and extra time.

It's a simple winter project, but if you've ever had to re-rig a double line while out fishing, you'll know that it can be a pain in the neck. Make the double lines up ahead of time, and then splice in a new line as you need it. The splice takes only a few minutes and you are back in business with no fuss and little wasted time.

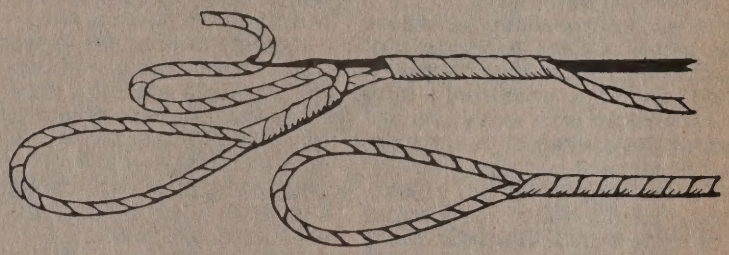
HOW TO MAKE A SPLICED LOOP FOR A DOUBLE LINE



1. With end of line towards you, insert the splicing needle about 6" from the end. Run needle about 2" inside line, then out, and catch line with hook.

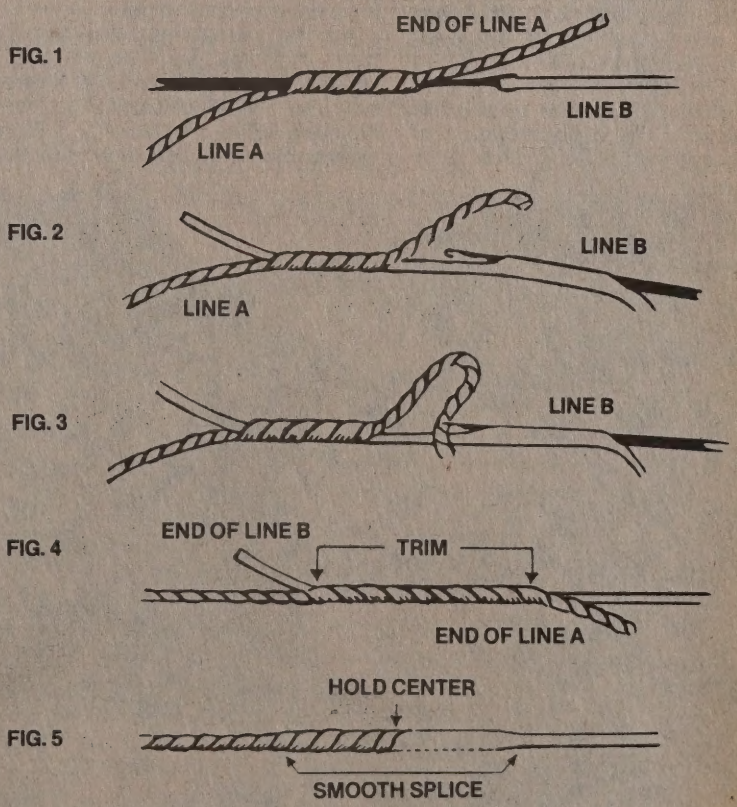


2. Bring the line back through and detach needle. Hold loop with thumb and forefinger of left hand, and with right hand work back the outside covering of the line so that it literally turns itself inside out.



3. Starting 1" from end of loop, insert needle in line toward loop; hook needle into loose end of line, pull back through and smooth out. Trim loose ends.

HOW TO SPLICE 2 LINES TOGETHER



Insert needle in Line A about 4" from end for a distance of 1". Pick up end of Line B, pull back through Line A and detach needle (Fig. 1). Approximately 1" from splice, insert needle in Line B (Fig. 2). Pick up loose end of Line A in needle and pull through Line B, detach needle (Fig. 3). Smooth splice by pulling both loose ends to work splice together. Trim (Fig. 4 & 5).

CHOOSING THE RIGHT PAINT FOR YOUR BOAT

by Bob Whittier

If a sport fisherman were to enter a tackle shop and say to the clerk, "Please give me four or five lures!" other people in the shop would look at him in surprise, with a bit of disgust mixed in. What kind of lures? For what kind of fish? For what method of fishing? What a dingbat!

But a fellow can walk into a marine supply store, ask for two quarts of white and one quart of blue paint, and few will react in surprise. Only if the clerk happens to be a savvy one will the customer be asked, "What type of paint, and for what surfaces, please?"

For some hard to fathom reason, the story has not gotten itself across to boat owners that there are many kinds of boat paint on the market today, formulated to fulfill a variety of different requirements.

We knew a fellow a few years ago who bought a high-quality topside enamel and carefully applied it to the sides of his fiberglass boat. Ere long, the stuff was sloughing off. He went to visit the dealer from whom he had bought it, with blood in his eye. After quite a lot of palaver, he finally left the place with a new appreciation of the old saying that "The only permanent thing is change."

Once, all boats were made of wood. This is a porous material that yields when struck, and changes dimensions with variations in moisture content. A good paint for wood is one that is compounded to remain a bit on the rubber side when dry, that it may flex with the underlying wood.

Applied to fiberglas, it won't bond well and will slough off easily when the boat rubs against a dock. On the other hand, a hard-drying paint of a type likely to be good for fiberglass, may exhibit a tendency to chip and crack easily, just as a brittle frosting applied to a sponge cake will crack if one squeezes the cake.

You get the idea. Today's paint makers have to offer products suitable for use on fiberglass, wood and metal surfaces. And it's up to boat owners to learn enough about modern marine paints to be able to choose the right kind for a particular job.

Most of the marine paint firms have good informative literature. This takes the form of general literature such as "how to paint your boat" booklets selling for $.50 to $.75, and "data sheets" giving detailed instructions on the proper use of one specific refinishing product or one particular type of refinishing task.

Ask local marine dealers and supply stores to show you what they have in their files. If not satisfied, look up names and addresses of paint manufacturers in the annual publication, "Boat Owners Buyers Guide," sold in many marine supply stores, and write to them.

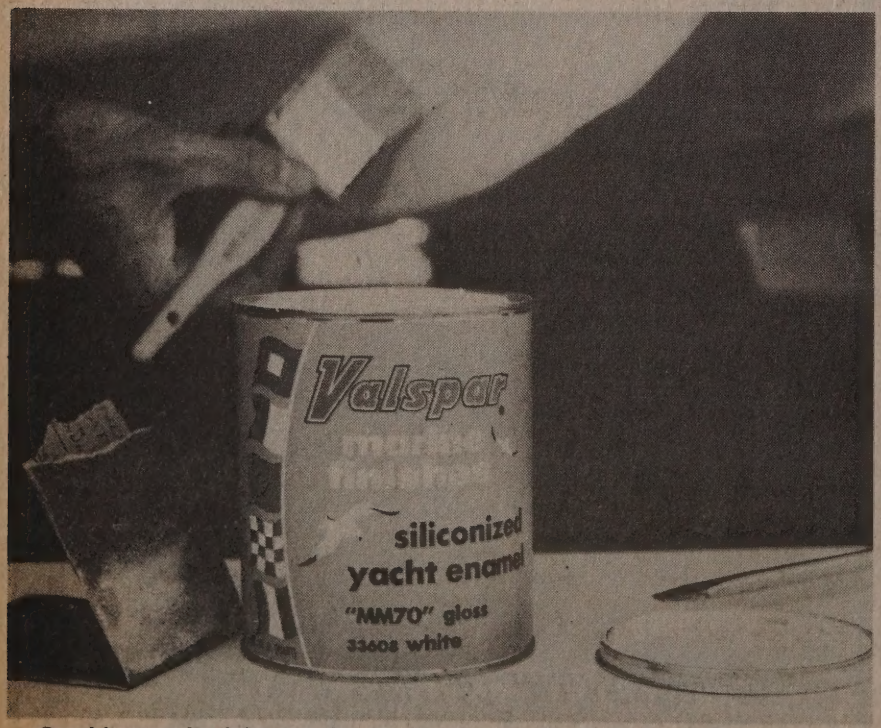
Certain painting pitfalls are common. The outer, pigmented layer of resin on a fiberglass boat, called the "gel coat," in time, fades so that no amount of polishing will restore original color. Actually, since gel coat is only about .015 in. thick, sunlight goes through it and fades not only the pigment on its surface, but also that below the surface. Painting is then the usual and best way to brighten up a shabby fiberglass boat. The big mistake is to rush into the job, grabbing the first can of paint that's handy and slapping it on.

Some fiberglass paints can be applied directly to a surface; others must be preceded by a specific primer in order to make them adhere well. The old surface must be prepared to "take" paint, either by thoroughly wet-sanding with a fine grade (360 or 400) or waterproof sandpaper, or by washing the surface with a preparative solution some paint firms sell.

Brushing characteristics of paints vary widely and some practice is needed with the paint of one's choice. Use of the right brush—and one of high quality—is vital. Spraying can produce a finish that is free of brush marks, but practice is required to do it well. Paints for fiberglass tend to go on thin and a little too much will cause runs. It tends to dry into a rather thin skin, and scratches caused by use of too-coarse sandpaper will show through readily.

Working in damp or windy weather, or in a shop that's full of dusty air, results in a bad paint job. So does failure to wipe all sandpaper dust off before starting to paint: go over the boat with a vacuum cleaner fitted with a brush nozzle, then wipe remaining fine dust off with a clean, lint-free cloth wet (but not soaked) with painter's alcohol.

Much more can be said about paints and painting techniques. But from the foregoing, you get the idea—you've got to know what it's all about and do things the right way.



Good boat paint jobs are the result of using the right type of paint and applying it both correctly and skillfully.

FISH ON THE RUN

BY FRED GUARDINEER

SALTWATER FISHERMEN WELCOME THE SPRING RUN OF FLOUNDERS IN THE BAYS OF THE NORTHEAST MARKING THE START OF ANOTHER FISHING SEASON.

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— ROD BUILDING SERIES —

TRICKS AND TIPS IN BUILDING SPINNING, SURF & FLY RODS

Part Twelve — *by C. Boyd Pfeiffer*

Fly rods, spinning rods, and surf rods might seem completely different, but for the rod builder, they all share a common basis. All must have the handles built on the rod blank. As a result, while these rods are certainly not difficult to build, they do require a little more time to put together since the handle must be assembled before the guides are wrapped in place. The basics for building rod handles and attaching reel seats have been covered in Parts IV and V of this series. But there are some tricks in building these types of rods and their variations.

Take fly rods, for example. These rods do not have a two part grip as with the foregrip and rear grip on surf and spinning rods. Since only one grip is used, there are two basic methods by which you can add the handle and reel seat. You can add either the reel seat or the handle first. To add the reel seat, build up the blank to fit the reel seat. On reel seats with wood inserts, such as the Rodon, Ed Gausdal and Landmark seats, you might have to ream out the wood insert to fit the rod blank, particularly with glass blanks. Once the reel seat is glued in place it is easy to slide a pre-formed grip into place against the reel seat, or to build up a handle to be shaped.

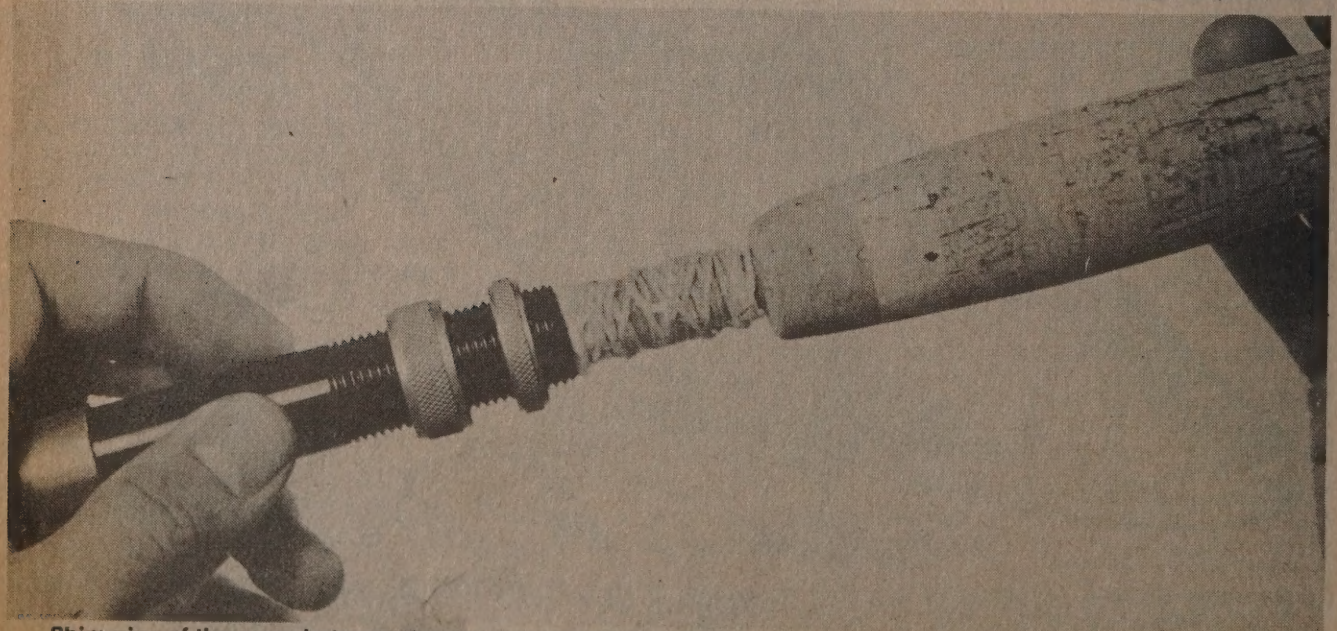
The other alternative is to measure the reel seat, and glue or build up the handle at that spot on the rod blank. Then, when the handle is cured, fit the reel seat to the blank and glue in place.

There is one additional precaution that you must take if building a saltwater fly rod on which you plan to add a detachable extension butt, such as is available for the saltwater Rodon seat. On all reel seats like this, the extension butt fits up into the end of the reel seat, usually for a distance of about 1'' to 1½''. As a result, you cannot run the rod blank into the reel seat beyond this point, or the extension butt won't fit.

If you leave the rod blank uncut, you will end up with a butt section that is about 2'' longer than the tip section of the rod, since the reel seat will extend beyond the end of the blank. The alternative to this is to cut the butt section of the rod back by the same length as the extension butt insert, so that the length of the two rods will be identical when broken down for a rod case or storage. In either case, be sure to keep the end of the reel seat clear of glue so that the extension insert will fit smoothly.

There is one additional modification that some rod builders include on saltwater fly rods. Often a forward fighting grip is built on really big fly rods used for sharks, tarpon, other light tackle big game fishing to give added support when lifting fish for landing them. Usually these additional handles are built 6'' to 12'' up from the regular handle and are thin. These handles won't interfere with casting, yet do provide some additional gripping power when grabbing the rod above the handle for leverage in lifting fish.

The rest of the rod is built following the directions for rod guide placement



Shimming of the space between the reel seat and blank is necessary on most rods with built-on handles. Here a fly rod reel seat is being added to a rod blank with a shimming of cord wrapped around the blank and soaked in glue.

and wrapping as per Part VI in this series. On the really big fly rods for saltwater big game fishing, be sure to use enough guides and large guides. Most experienced fly fishermen now are using three stripping guides on heavy rods, beginning with a size 16 ring guide, followed with two size 12 ring guides and a series of the largest size (size 6 in Perfection tip series) of heavy chrome plated snake guides. These large guides allow for easy casting and also frictionless flows of line, leader knots, backing, etc., during the course of the fight.

Spinning rods are the easiest to build since they involve building up from the butt end of the rod with the butt cap, rear grip, reel seat and fore grip. Usually the best way to begin is to build up the very end of the rod blank with cord or tape bushing to take the butt cap of your choice. Glue it in place with epoxy glue and follow with the rear grip. This provides the most professional appearance of the rod grip and is usually much better than cutting down the end of the handle to fit the butt cap after the handle is already on.

Also, it is best for fitting hypalon grips, since the grip will seat securely against the edge of the butt cap for a clean line and custom look. Follow with a proper guide spacing and rod wrapping to finish the rod. Using this method makes it possible to build any type of fishing rod on the blank, with any length handle and any style spinning, slip-over reel seat.

Surf rods are built in one of two ways. Short rods of up to about 9' are usually built with a single, long rear grip of about 16'' to 18''. Usually these are cork handles since hypalon and other synthetic grips are usually only available in a maximum of 14'' lengths. These handles are built the same as any spinning rod, using a pre-formed cork grip (if available), or building up the handle of cork rings (usually 1½'' diameter) to make the rear grip of your choice of length.

Longer rods usually have longer rear grips, and because of the influx of hypalon grips most now have separate two-part rear grips, in which the grips are separated by bare rod blank. These consist of a butt cap of one to three inches, a three to five inch rear grip, 6'' to 8'' of bare blank, a 6'' grip below and above the reel seat. Often the best way to determine the proper position for the reel seat is to hold the rod blank out at your side, with the butt in your armpit. Where your hand grasps the rod blank comfortably with your arm outstretched is usually the most comfortable position for casting and fighting fish.

For me, this means that the base of the reel seat is about 24'' above the rod butt, but this figure will vary with height and body structure. This dimension results in a comfortable spot to hold the reel for maximum leverage in casting and also in holding the rod in a surf rod belt for fighting

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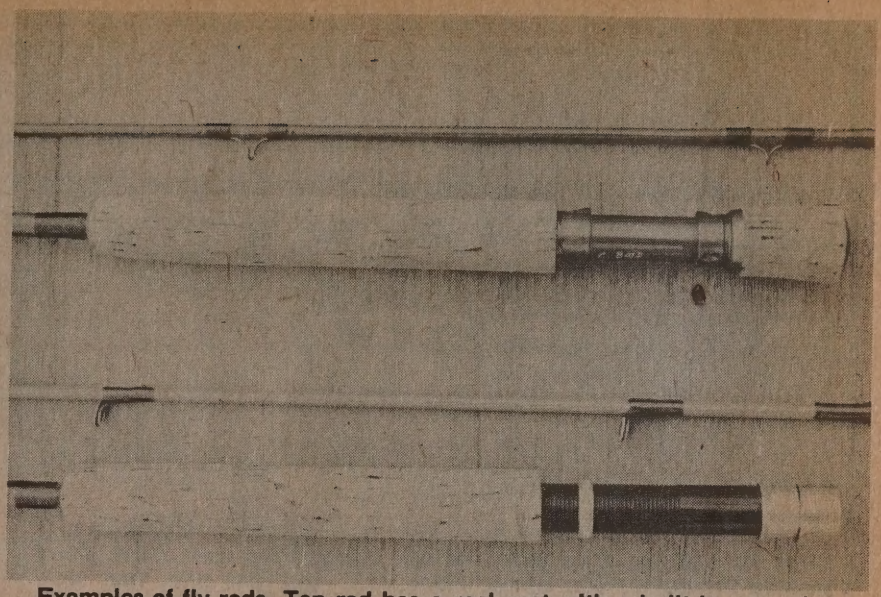
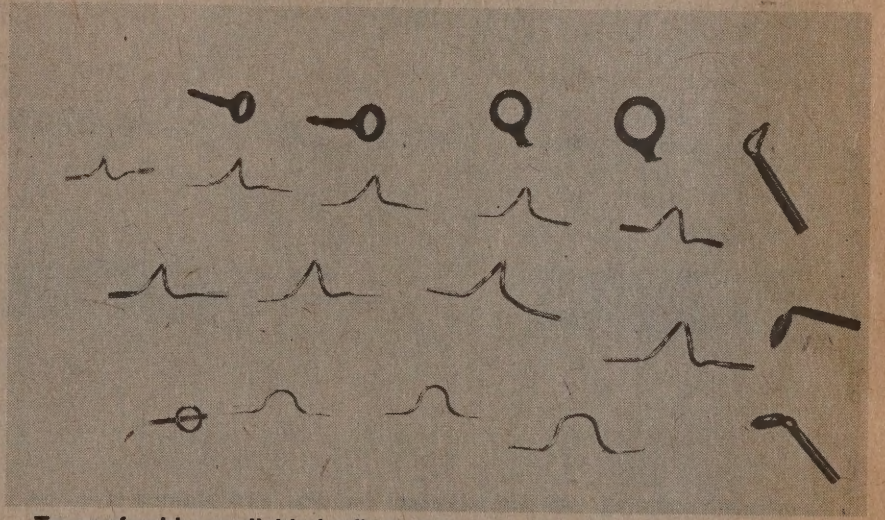
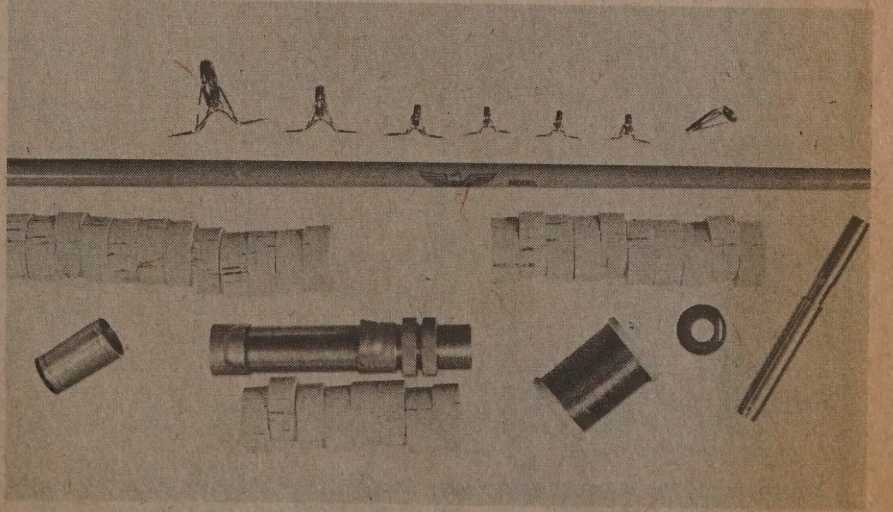


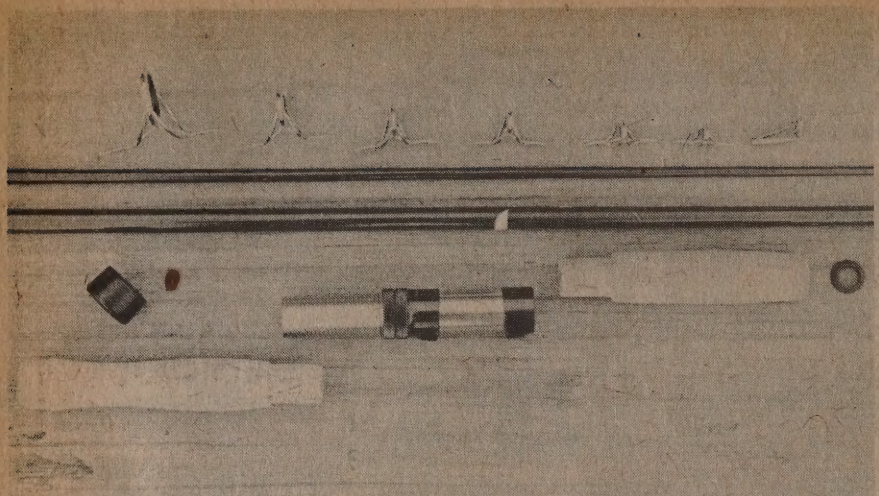
Examples of fly rods. Top rod has a reel seat with a built-in extension butt, and using standard snake guides on the blank. The bottom rod has a standard aluminum reel seat and uses Fuji single foot guides in place of snakes. Both types of guides are available for rod builders.



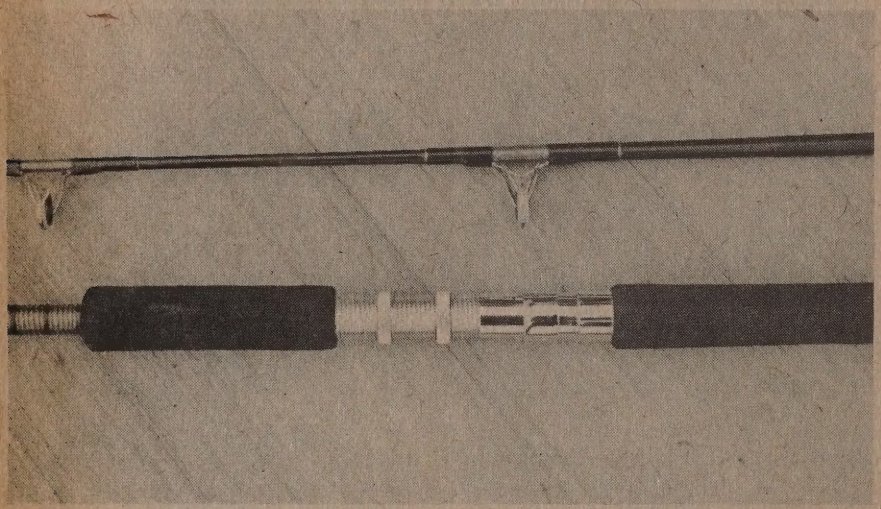
Types of guides available for fly rods include aluminum oxide ring guides (top of photo) or snakes guides in a variety of sizes and finishes. Guide sizes from 4/0 to #6 are shown, along with the tiptops used for fly rods. Styles of hook keepers, to hold a fly when the rod is not being used, are shown at the bottom of the photo.



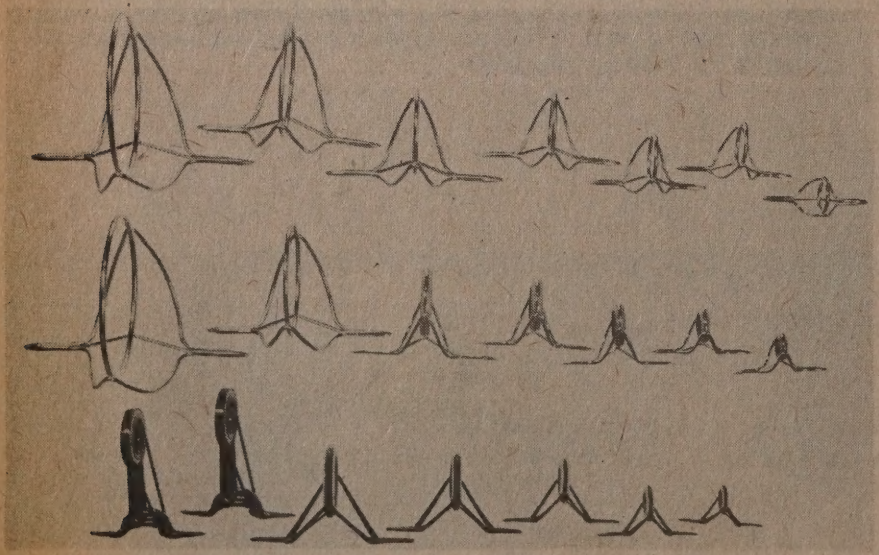
Parts needed to construct a spinning rod. Parts include aluminum oxide guides and tiptop, blank, corks for rear handle, forward handle and reel seat bushing, reel seat, butt cap and thread, ferrule and winding check.



Parts for building a spinning rod using preformed cork grips. Parts include the guides and tiptop, blank, butt cap, rear grip, reel seat, foregrip and winding check. Bushings are not needed in this case since the preformed grips have recesses at the ends to hold the reel seat in place.



Completed spinning rod with hypalon handles and aluminum oxide guides. Lightweight chrome-plated brass reel seat makes it ideal for light tackle saltwater use.



Types of guides for surf spin rods. Shown are three sets as most surf anglers would use them. Top: set of wire guides. Center: two large diameter wire guides progressing to aluminum oxide guides for the top of the rod. Bottom: Fuji fold-down guides for the butt section, followed by conventional spinning guides with aluminum oxide rings.

fish, or working a lure.

To build handles like this for surf rod, first build up a bushing if necessary to take the butt cap. Some butt caps, like the Fenwick series, have different inside diameters to fit virtually any rod without bushings. With the butt cap glued in place, glue the handle using cork rings, preformed grips, or a length of hypalon. With the handle glued on, some anglers like to add a winding check above this portion of the grip, to be followed later with a short thread wrapping that will match or complement the guide wraps.

Often winding checks are used only on cork grips, with a short thread wrapping the only trim on hypalon. Mark the position for the upper rear grip, based on the length of the grip, and the position of the reel seat. Glue in place and wipe up any excess to keep the blank clean between the two grips. Add any necessary bushings or shim to the blank to add the reel seat, although often this is unnecessary. Surf rod blanks, particularly in the larger sizes, are of a sufficient diameter to hold any reel seat without a bushing, or with only a light thread or cord wrapping to build up the space between the blank and the reel seat.

Add the foregrip and the handle is complete. Add the tiptop and the guides as previously described, and the rod is complete.

All rods are relatively easy to build, but unusual rods do require some forethought as to how to proceed to get the custom, professional result. While modifications can be built using fly rods for soft long spinning rods, trolling rod blanks for pier rods, short light spinning rods for fly rods, or other modifications of the basic blank construction, it is usually best to consider first those blanks and fittings specifically suited for your fishing and the type of rod that you want to build. More information is available through books and manuals, including the 338-page **Tackle Craft**, by Boyd Pfeiffer (available from Tackle Crafters, 14303 Robcaste Road, Phoenix, MD 21131), $7.95 paperback, $13.95 hard cover, plus $1.85 shipping. In addition, tackle stores and mail order tackle supply companies provide parts for building tackle. Tackle Crafters, for example, has a catalog available for $1 (refundable on first order) that includes 2800 items for rod and lure building, including blanks from six manufacturers in all styles, sizes and materials—including glass, S-glass, graphite and boron.

Mail order companies and tackle stores are glad to help with any questions or problems that you might come up with, and usually can provide a simple solution or answer to any question. The money saving fun of rod building provides enjoyment now as you build your rods for the coming season, and for seasons to come as you fish with tackle specifically built to suit your needs and fishing interests.

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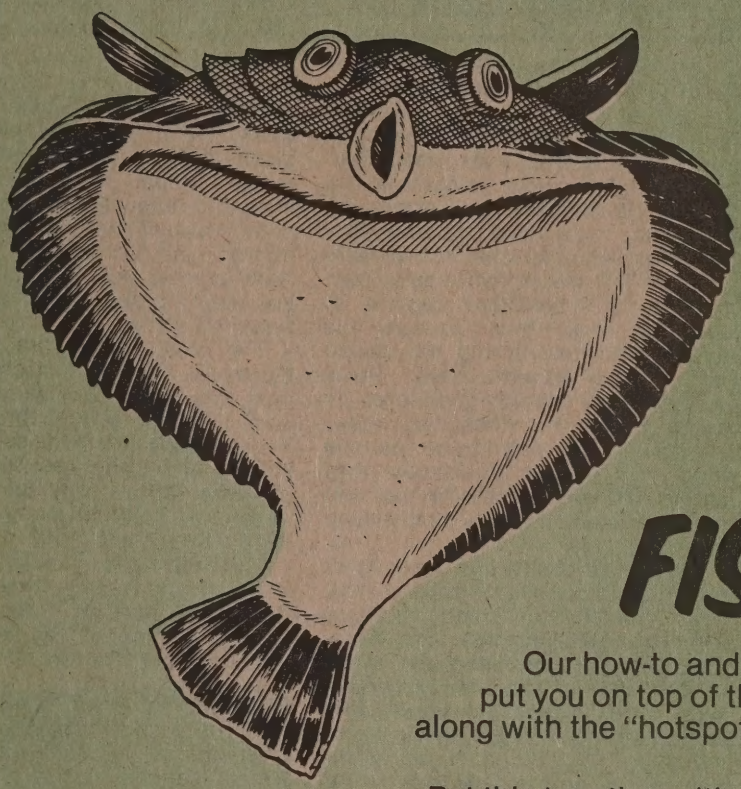

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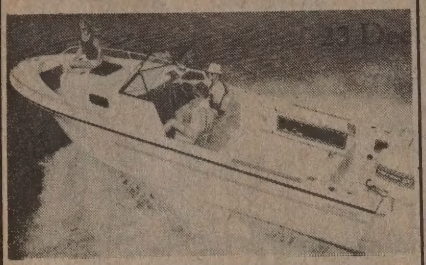

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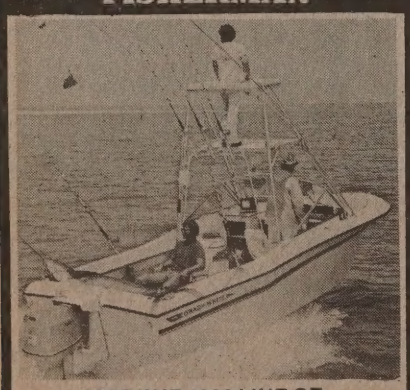

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If you fish for weakfish, you know about jelly worms. If you are new to the game, I will give you a little background. Freshwater fishermen, and a very few saltwater men, had been using plastic or rubber worms for many years. They are deadly on freshwater black bass and work very well on saltwater species. A few years ago, the few people who used them made such spectacular catches of weakfish that they became the number one lure during the spring run in Long Island's bays. These worms are not the only good lures for spring weaks, but there are many times when they seem to be the only thing that works. At times they outfish real worms, possibly because the fish mistake them for sand eels or shoestring eels.

There are probably two dozen firms that manufacture artificial worms. Their products vary greatly in shape and size and also in color. Tom Mann, a southern lure manufacturer, came up with a clever idea. He named his colors after similarly colored fruit such as strawberry, grape, pineapple and others. In addition, he added the scent of the appropriate fruit to the plastic.

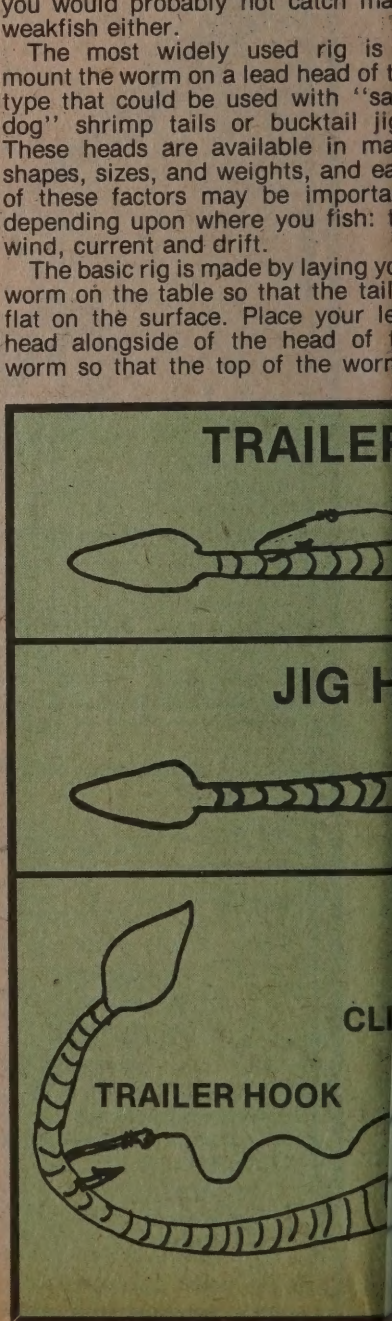
He did not believe that fish were fruit lovers. The idea was that if fish can be repelled by human scent, and there is evidence for this, his artificial odors would not only camouflage anything that rubbed off your hands onto the worm, but would make his worms stand out from the rest. His trademark was "Jelly Worm," and they became the most popular brand in this area.

Jelly Worms come in assorted sizes, but the most popular ones in this area are 7" to 9" long, and the most popular flavors are strawberry and grape. There are flap-tailed worms and also curly-tailed worms. In fishing inlets for stripers, and bay fishing for spring-run weakfish, I have had the most success with the flap-tailed worms.

The tail or flat section of a flap-tail worm will flutter or swim in a swift current. Your manipulation of the rod can add varying actions depending upon how the worm is rigged. The curly-tailed worm has a very thin corkscrewed tail which seems to swim as you move the worm through the water, or even if you hold it still in a strong current. Each kind of worm can be rigged in the same manner. If you are new to the sport, begin with the flat-tailed worms and learn how to r and fish them in as many ways possible. They are excellent lures f weaks and stripers, and will also ta blues, fluke, and even sea bass occasion. Small fish will eat pieces o of it, and bluefish either bite off h of the worm or take the worm plus t jig that it is attached to. A wire leac could prevent this, but unfortunate you would probably not catch ma weakfish either.

The most widely used rig is mount the worm on a lead head of t type that could be used with "sa dog" shrimp tails or bucktail ji These heads are available in ma shapes, sizes, and weights, and ea of these factors may be importa depending upon where you fish: t wind, current and drift.

The basic rig is made by laying yo worm on the table so that the tail flat on the surface. Place your le head alongside of the head of worm so that the top of the worm



JELLY WORM

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s for boat or beach is a simple process.

s level with the back end of the portion of the lead. The narrow extension, which may have a n barb or arrow head, will be the worm and will help to nt its sliding out of position (see am). Now mark the top of the at the point where the curve of ok will come out of the worm. A marker will do this job. Pick up orm and carefully penetrate the of the nose with the point of the Push the worm onto the hook, g to keep the metal shaft red in the worm. When the point he mark which you have made, s through the surface and slide orm forward until the nose is up e main mass of the lead. If you is properly, the worm will hang traight line from the shaft of the Both of these arrangements are rtant.

eshwater fishermen have found worm that does not lie straight, not swim well, and is often rejected by the fish. The horizontal tail is also important because the jig has an up and down motion when it moves through the water. The horizontal tail exaggerates this motion and makes it look like a swimming creature of some kind. It is so important that one manufacturer calls his worms "flip tails."

The kind of lead head which you use will depend upon the depth of water, the speed of the current, and the tackle which you choose. Most of my experience with these worms has been from the shores of inlets and jetties, or in the back bays. The heaviest heads that I have used have been in the one ounce range. When using light tackle, which I prefer, the best all around sizes have been 3/8 oz. and 1/2 oz. When you add the weight of the worm to the weight of the head, you have a lure that is easy to cast. Strong winds make things difficult, but they will still be easier to use than minnow-type plugs.

Two styles of heads are all that you will need. Bullet-shaped heads blend with the shape of the worm, and are ideal for swimming a worm anywhere above the bottom. If you are bottom bouncing, I would choose the shape in the diagram. This shape is used with many plastic shrimp. Having the eyelet for attaching your line right at the front prevents many hang-ups and minimizes fouling by weeds. If you get this model with a sort of flat rocker bottom as made by Mister Twister, they allow the worm to float up from the bottom and they keep the hook upright, which cuts down snagging even more.

For night fishing, there are two retrieves that have been most successful for me: one is a slow retrieve with very slight up and down motions of the rod tip. It is very much like working a rigged eel. If a high retrieve does not work and the water is deep, let it sink a bit before beginning to retrieve. It is a good idea to count it down so that if you score at one level you can return. The second method is a very slow, steady movement. If mid-depths produce no fish, change over to the bottom bouncing type of head and work it slowly, with occasional stops and slight lifts. If you are fishing from a boat, the best scores are usually made with the bottom bouncing technique.

Once in awhile, you will get hits that do not produce solid hook-ups.

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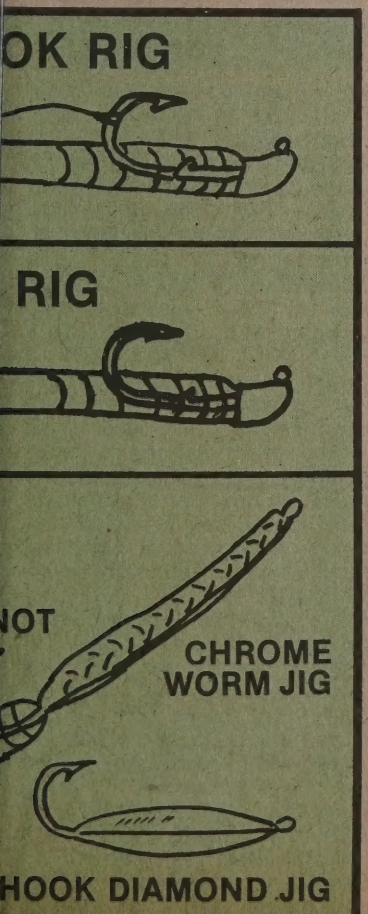

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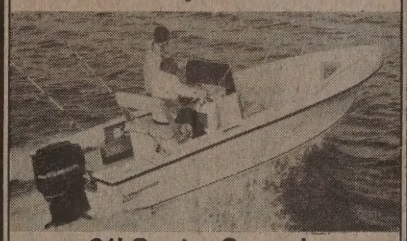

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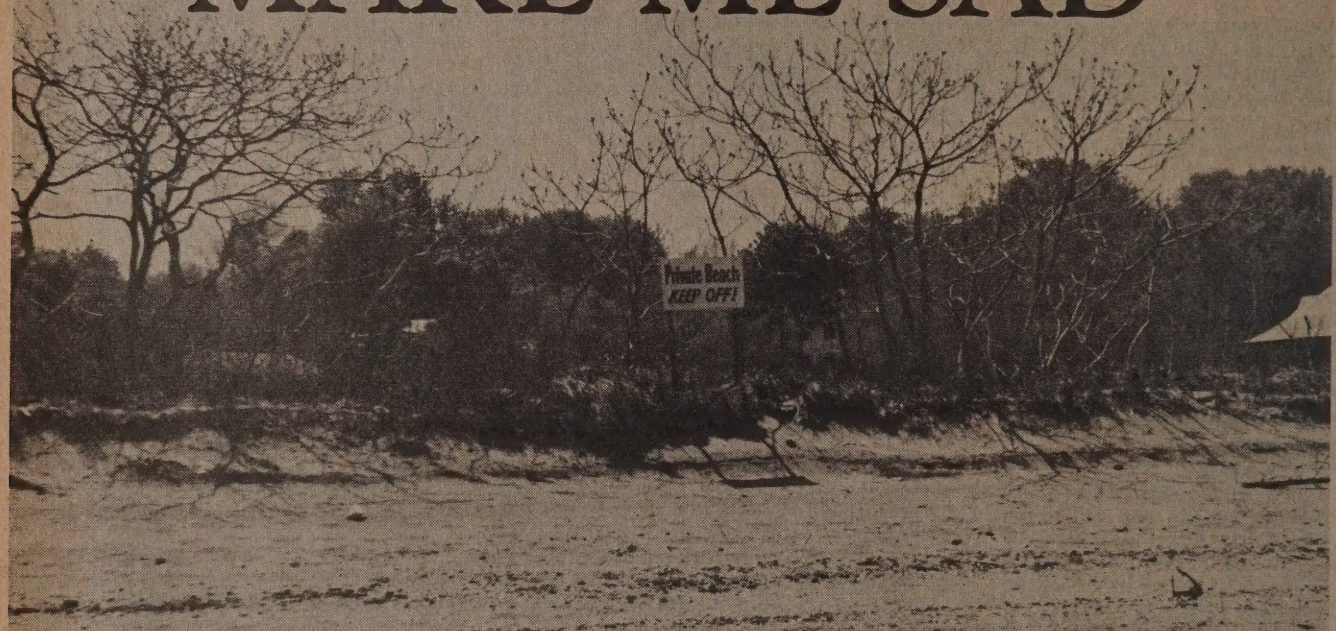

by Matt Ahern

I guess I'm guilty of being naive.

This knowledge comes as a shock. Certainly I was unaware of it—until I mentioned what follows to several fishermen of my acquaintance. "Boy, you're pretty stupid, Matt!" and "You're living in another world!" was the consensus of opinion. And now as I sit back and commune with my innerself, I realize that those fellows were right. I had been naive, all right.

Up until the recent receipt of a certain letter, I would have fought tooth and nail had someone told me fishermen have the capability to be mean and nasty. Wild? Yes. Comical? You bet. Silly? Sometimes. Unkind? Never. Unthinking? At times. Helpful? Yes, indeed. Men? Without fail. To me these descriptions have always been hallmarks of all true fishermen. They are what sets us apart.

Sure, I know that on the surf most fishermen do not always fit these descriptions. But peel away that thin veneer of a rough and ready guy, remove that mantle of intense competition with his fellows, and you'll always find a gentleman. I had never found other than this.

Until that letter came.

Now, most fellows who read these bottom fishing articles of mine know that the correspondence they generate is heavy indeed. I'm not complaining, you understand. In fact, if I didn't receive all that mail I honestly don't know what I'd do with much of my time. Don't I fish any more? Of course; what else? But I no longer fish everyday come rain, shine, snow, sleet, hail, cold—you name it—as I once did. And then there are days when I just don't feel like going out there. I guess I'm getting old.

Much of this mail comes from readers who like to shoot the breeze. (It is not unusual for such letters to run six and seven pages.) I enjoy answering these, for I am a great breeze-shooter. Many letters are from fellows who tell of their bottom fishing experiments, and just how successful, or unsuccessful, these were. A good deal of mail brings requests for information on our bottom feeding fish, which I am always glad to answer as best I can.

But this isn't all. Many enthusiastic readers send me fishing books, some of which are long out of print, plus old-time photos, often so age-faded and delicate, they threaten to crumble at a touch. Often, kind-hearted fishermen send invitations to join them on future fishing trips. Needless to say, these are most difficult to answer because I must explain that it is quite impossible for me to do so, always hoping against hope that these kind fellows don't think I'm a snob. (Perish the thought!)

It is also not unusual for readers to enclose a dollar or two "for your trouble" when requesting those free hook guides and knot-tying booklets I offer from time to time. This thoughtfulness is, of course, appreciated, but as "free" means exactly that, I always return such imbursements.

These acts of generosity are not surprising, for I know in my heart that most fishermen are pretty good eggs. In fact, three weeks ago one of these good eggs sent me a $20 bill to be used toward my next party boat trip. And around Christmas time it is not unusual for fishermen to enclose prepaid party boat tickets along with their best wishes.

All these gratuities I return with heart-felt thanks. This isn't a show of non-appreciation on my part, but it is simply because of my long and close association with many party boat skippers as both mate and personal friend. If you want to know the truth, because of this camaraderie, I haven't paid a party boat fare since 1931.

Truly, my cup runneth over.

Now all this most welcome correspondence can be considered as being on a positive note, but I also receive

letters in an extremely negative tone. And I don't mean those containing occasional complaints. After all, things seldom run smoothly and those letters which tell of leaky rental skiffs, or party boat captains who "don't try hard enough to catch fish" (only once in 55 years have I met a skipper like this), plus occasional condemnation of surly mates, and other assorted ills, can of course be considered par for the course.

But about two months ago, I received that letter I've just got to tell you about. It left me seething when I had finished it. I immediately rose from my chair and began to pace the floor. So abrupt was my reaction that my startled wife didn't know what to say or do. (I know that in our nearly 50 years together, she had seldom seen me so upset.) I continued to pace, keeping my flaming thoughts to myself, which I suppose was the worst thing to do. Eventually I calmed down, but I couldn't trust myself to reply immediately.

As promised, I'll tell you about this letter, but I refuse to identify its author or even name the town from which it came. You'll see why in a minute.

To make things easier for both of us, I'll call our letter-writer Joe. It seems Joe had taken his two small children flounder fishing in a rented skiff. Whether it was plain luck or through hard-earned skill, Joe anchored his skiff in an area that seemed knee-deep in beautiful, fat flounder. Naturally in such a situation, Joe took advantage of it. He and his two little kids were having the time of their lives. And I would liked to have been there to watch the activity.

In the midst of this delightful fishing, another skiff containing three men (and I use the term loosely) came up alongside and demanded that Joe pull anchor and move—especially if he knew what was good for him. It was, these fellows said, now their turn to catch some fish. If he didn't do exactly as they ordered, one loudmouth explained, Joe would find himself overboard.

Now, faced with the same circumstance, what would you have done? Yes, I know... I felt that way too. It's what caused me to pace the floor. The insult. The gall. The humiliation suffered before his impressionable children. The thought is enough to drive a man up the wall. But because of the unquestionable danger to his kids, Joe couldn't do what his manhood demanded he do. Therefore he did the only sensible thing. He pulled anchor and left his spot to those three bums. (No one in his right mind would call them fishermen.)

Now this is what brought me to the realization that I was indeed naive. Never in over a half-century of fishing had I ever witnessed or heard of such an incident. You and I know, of course that had there been another man or two in Joe's skiff instead of two small, frightened children, those characters would never have attempted what they did.

What's to be done about it, I don't know; but I can tell you one thing: times... they sure are a-changing.

Now we come to an incident in which I was personally affected. One whose result caused by unthinking fishermen has had some influence on much of my fishing life. While not as harsh as the preceding story, it, too, drove me up the wall.

Several weeks ago I wrote an article entitled "Remember The Kids." While most of the story was about the first boy I'd ever taken fishing, it also made reference to a certain pier from which I fished. My own private pier, I called it. I've written about this pier several times and about why I was suddenly refused the privilege of fishing from it. While writing the recent article I mentioned that I might someday repeat the story. I think the time is now because it certainly does fit the theme of this article.

Back in the early Thirties I used to do a lot of shore fishing along the banks of Island Park's Schaeffer's Creek. Those were the days when there were few waterfront homes about. There was a mile or more of open bank and no matter where a fellow stopped to fish, he was certain to catch flounder and fluke—depending upon the season.

At the time, there was but one pier jutting out into the creek and I had noticed that the closer I fished to it, the better the fishing became. It was as close to a dream spot as any mortal fisherman could desire. My first thought was to give that pier a try, where I was sure more accurate casting would produce even better fishing. Certainly easier.

The temptation to do so was great, but how did I know if the owner would find me there and perhaps call the police, citing me as a trespasser? Which would certainly put a crimp in my fishing. Better to fish with a clear conscience than that nagging sense of guilt.

There was but one fishing station on the creek then. It was run by Willie Schaeffer and his father. I knew Willie, so I went to see him and discussed the problem. He told me that the pier and much of the adjacent area was owned by a Mr. Brightman who lived in Oceanside. That's all I wanted to know.

I checked the phone book, then called Mr. Brightman and asked if I could speak with him. An appointment was made. Permission to use the pier was granted without a bit of trouble. Only two considerations: my safety was my own responsibility, and I was not to leave any mess behind. I promised to clean up after myself; everything would be left spick and span. I faithfully kept my promise and fished there until 1939—a good seven

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I recall the event as if it happened yesterday. I remember that October morning as one of discontent with the fishing world. I arrived at my usual time: just at daybreak; walked along the beach to the pier, a-tingle with the knowledge that there would soon be flounder bouncing in my bucket. The morning before I had dug a fresh supply of soft clam and I'd tied a supply of #6 Sproat hooks the evening before. I think I even put a new line on my reel. Nothing was going to stop me. Little did I know.

Nailed to one of the pier's posts was a newly-erected sign whose glaring red letters declared: PRIVATE PROPERTY. NO FISHING. Immediate arrest was threatened to all who ignored the warning. Signed by Mr. Brightman.

I stopped dead in my tracks. I experienced that sinking feeling all fishermen suffer when confronted with a like situation. My first thought was to ignore the sign—after all, didn't I have special permission? Then I heard that warning bell sound off in the back of my mind. Better go see Mr. Brightman first. I spent the rest of the day fishing from the creek bank, and while I didn't do bad, I knew I would have done better from that pier.

Two days later I spoke with Mr. Brightman—and heard the whole story.

It seems this very fine gentleman had visited the pier for his annual pre-winter check. There, scattered about were the remains of crushed spider crabs, stomped-on sea robins, all attended by clouds of flies. Festoons of hard to remove seaweed clung to the safety rail; broken glass, coffee containers and beer cans lay strewn about. It was a mess, Mr. Brightman said. But even so, allowances could be made for unthinking persons. But what turned Mr. Brightman off on all fishermen in general was the fact that one of those fellows had removed the pier's loose planking and used it to fuel a fire on the beach. There was no excuse for this, he said, and I admitted he was right. (Agree quickly with thine adversary, the Good Book says.)

Mr. Brightman remained adamant. I came near to groveling, for I sure didn't want to lose the use of that pier. But if he favored me, he said, he'd have to favor others, and...

I'd lost out on a fine fishing place because of someone's uncaring attitude. It took me some time to "forget" that pier and I was often sorely tempted. But I didn't want to compound a bad situation. That pier is no longer there. I've been told it was destroyed by the hurricane of 1944. I know it was never replaced. Don't worry, I checked.

So—two tales about things that make me sad. I guess as my buddies said, I really was naive.

THE CONNECTQUOT RIVER: ADVENTURE IN PARADISE

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holding location on this beat and proceeded to walk up and down the dirt road which parallels the river. Within a short period of time I came upon three huddled fish, one of which was of rather large proportions. I eased myself into the water about twenty yards below the fish and began to false cast. The Muddler dropped to the water slightly above the biggest of the three and in such a manner as to cause a drift of the fly right past the fish's nose. As the fly passed to within striking range of the big brook trout, a smaller trout made a quick dash for this easy morsel. Not wanting the disturbance of fighting this smaller trout to upset and spook the larger, I attempted to jerk the fly from the small fish's mouth. This was a bit too much for the big fella to bear. In a flash he thrust out and grabbed the fly. He put on a good show and kept me on my toes as I tried to prevent the 5X tippet from breaking. Subsequent to an enjoyable and active period of give and take, I slipped my net under the brookie. He measured out at an even 15½'', a speckled that would make a nice dinner for two.

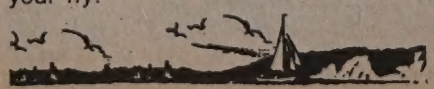
I have been back to the river many times since that first experience and have had days that were beyond my wildest trout fishing expectations. Over the past six years I have fished all of the Connetquot's 32 beats, with the exception of those reserved for handicapped anglers. Each of the sites has offered its own unique challenges as well as rewards. Within the cold, spring-fed waters the angler can expect to find trout that average approximately 12'' with a more than fair number of fish up to and exceeding 16''-18''. In addition, it is not uncommon for the river to give up record trout over 20'' in length. Exceptionally large trout have become a trademark of the Connetquot River and distinguish it from other Long Island trout waters. A few years back, during the summer months, a visiting New Jersey angler caught a brown trout that tipped the scales at 12.12. In August, 1980 a local fly caster brought to net another monster brownie weighing in at 12.6. These, I assure you, are trout that have raised a few eyebrows. Most of the Connetquot's prizes come from the lower portion of the river; the lower numbered beats and the area known as the Mill Tail. The upper reaches of the river, though, do not have a ''big'' fish reputation, but do have the potential for trophy specimens. Brook, brown and rainbows have been taken from the more picturesque upper reaches that have weighed three, four and even five pound—no mean trout by any stretch of the imagination. My experiences on the Connetquot as well as those of my angling companions have taught me that any piece of water on the river can yield good sized fish.

As you have probably gathered by now, the Connetquot River allows access to fly fishermen only. This qualification is true of the river portion as well as the pond fishing. For the newcomer to the Connetquot, you can expect streamer, bucktail and nymph patterns to produce well. These imitations are standards during the early Spring, but will work very well throughout the entire season. With respect to streamers and bucktails, some of the more popular patterns are: Muddler Minnow, white and black Marabou, Mickey Finn, Matuka, Black Nose Dace, Spuddler, Black Ghost, Llama and Sculpin. Sizes 6, 8 and 10 should be all that you need. For my own fishing I have settled on tying the Slaymaker Brook, Brown and Rainbow patterns in Marabou. I have been quite successful with these, and they have proven to be productive when other patterns have struck out. With regard to nymph patterns, you won't go wrong if you keep a supply of the following: March Brown, Hare's Ear, Stonefly and Hendrickson. Sizes 10 through 16 will see you through most of the river's situations. One of my favorites is the Green Caddis Larva imitation, tied in sizes 12 through 16.

As the season progresses and the hatches of the mayflies begin, you might want to try your hand at fishing the dry fly. Here, all of the classic patterns prevail. The river's trout will respond well to Hendrickson, Adams, Quill Gordon and Cahill patterns during the early dry fly days. Later in the season you can turn to patterns such as: Blue Dunns, Blue Winged Olives, large Creme Variants, Black Gnats and a variety of the terrestrial patterns (ants, grasshoppers, bettles, etc.). Again, sizes 12, 14 and 16 should prove to be adequate. If you intend fishing the dry fly throughout the summer months, it would be a good idea to keep available a number of midge patterns up to size 24. The Connetquot's trout can be as selective as any. I have found that streamers and nymphs will continue to produce consistent catches of trout when other fly patterns fail.

The Connetquot River is a gem of Long Island. It should be fished and it should be preserved. Our obligation is to ensure the continuity of the river's heritage and the trout's survival. Though the Connetquot River has been added to New York State's Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers System, each angler should do his or her part to keep the park in a pristine state. For information pertaining to fishing on the Connetquot, you can call the Long Island State Park Commission at (516) 669-2500 or you can speak directly with park personnel by calling (516) 581-1005.

May the river's trout rise readily to your fly.



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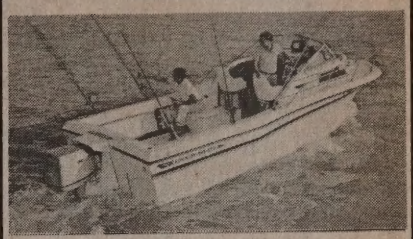

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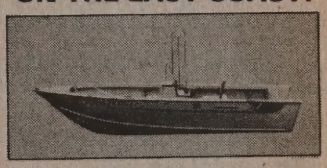

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SOUTH SHORE SAVER

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soft pieces of clam: thread 'em on and always let a little bit hang off the hook.

Normally, when flounder baits are mentioned, one usually immediately thinks of seaworms, and rightly so I imagine, as worms are perhaps the number one flounder tempters of all time. It makes no never mind what worm you talk about either, as they all share in the spotlight. North shore flounder pounders lean towards sand worms and their south shore counterparts rely on bloodworms, but each can perform equally as well as the other on any shore, at one particular time or another. The habits of generations are difficult to break through, so we continue to go with the trend of our peers. Hence, sand worms in the Sound and bloods down south, but the individualist can often outperform the pack by simply using the "wrong" bait at times. At any rate the serious flounder fisherman usually brings along several types of bait anyway, as quite often one can work better than another, on any shore. There are times that even the mere turn of a tide will see flatties switching their preference, say from bloodworms to mussels, or from sand worms to clams, so the serious fillet fanatic goes forth fully prepared for any and all eventualities.

Not to be overlooked or forgotten is perhaps the finest bait of all: the tape or ribbon worm. Not found at bait shops because of their highly perishable and fragile nature, tapeworms may well be the flounder bait par excellence, but must be dug up on the flats at low tide by the discerning fisherman. Examination of stomach contents of flounder often reveals tiny bits of pinkish-yellowish bait that most folks believe are pieces of clams, but which are actually pieces of tapeworms. The manner in which flounder are glutted with them attests to their desirability by **Pseudopleuronectes americanus**. (What a helluva big name to hang on such a tiny fish!) Handle tapeworms gently and sort of slide 'em on the hook, like stringing beads. Insert the point of the hook in one end and slide the worm over the barb, around the bend, and up the shank, stopping at the hook eye and letting a small piece hang from the hook bend, to get those flounder started. All other worms can be rigged in the same way, and usually only a tiny piece of worm, about two or three inches, is enough to do the job.

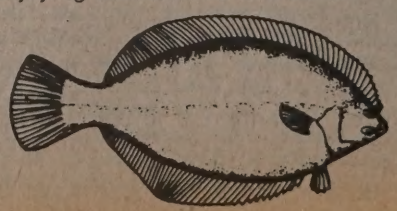
Because this fish is so small (1 lb. flounder are biggies and 2 and 3 lb. fish are giants) you should employ light tackle to make your work more pleasurable. Freshwater spinning outfits fill the bill nicely, but any light conventional gear is also just as much fun. The key word here is light, which not only will prove more sensitive to tiny titillations, but actually enable you to put more fish in your bucket. After bouncing your sinker vigorously a few times, stirring up those mud puffs that bring flounder scurrying over, let the baited hooks rest on the bottom for a moment, then raise your rod slowly. If any interested flatties are tasting your bait, they will generally be felt hanging on, and very often that slow, high lift will prod them into swallowing the whole thing, in the belief that the bait is escaping.

When that downward lunge is felt, causing your tiny rod to bend towards the water, set the hook with a slight upward jerk—not so hard as to jerk the bait away from the fish, but firmly enough to set the hook—and be prepared for a spirited little battle. With heavy tackle, many of those tentative nibbles may not be felt; hence less opportunity to tempt the fish into taking the hook. And if you should luck into a double-header of two nice-sized fish at the same time, you will quickly become a convert to the ranks of light tackle users.

There are many tricks and gimmicks employed by flounder fishermen to increase their catches; some gimmicks work at times, but most are just fairy tales handed down from generation to generation. I speak now of yellow painted sinkers and red beads attached to hook snells, both long known flounder gimmicks that may or may not increase your production. Many years of experience have divulged certain positive gimmicks that do work, and I reiterate for your benefit:

Use fresh bait only, and bring along a variety of it. Use chum, and use it at a steady rate—not too sparingly nor too heavily, although you may have to shake that pot more often at the beginning to get the flounder headed your way. Once the fish are biting, a shake of the chum pot every five or ten minutes should keep 'em happy. And fish as close to the chum pot as possible. Jig your rod vigorously, bouncing that sinker off the bottom as hard as possible, and let your baits lie on bottom for a minute or two before giving a long, slow lift to your rod. Fish as light as possible, to feel more fish and get more fun out of it, and try using two different baits—one on each hook—until you can determine the preference of the fish at that moment. Once you find out what the fish really go for, switch both hooks to the same bait to increase your potential.

And, don't forget, if the wind is blowing too strong from the north and you can't safely fish the Sound, turn your back to the breeze and fish the lee shore of Long Island. Maybe this way you, too, can take advantage of enjoying that south shore saver.



Montauk Report

by Stu Miller

The spring codfishing out at Montauk appears to be continuing in fine fashion with clams doing the job at both Cartwright and the CIA Grounds. Aboard Captain Richie Rade's **Marlin V** Saturday, nine men had 120 cod up to 18 lbs. They were mostly 5 and 6 lbers., and green fish. Sunday's score for 14 anglers was 180 cod in the 6 lb. range. A few 5 lb. pollack were also caught. The fish are spitting up herring, which indicates that there's a lot of life on the move. The skippers asked us to tell you that all tickets on both boats are sold for March 27th.

Aboard the **Viking Star** which has been sailing on an everyday schedule, a steady pick was had up until Saturday which, for some reason, was a bomb.

However, Sunday bounced back vigorously for 30 anglers at Cartwright taking over 175 cod averaging 4-10 lbs., with the pool fish hitting 25 lbs. on the scale. High hook was Bill Johnson of Patchogue with 16 cod to 12 lbs. and 1 12 lb. blackfish. An advanced showing of 8-12 lb. pollack was also caught, but just a few.

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South Shore Report

by Fred Golofaro

Rising water temperatures are beginning to have an effect on flatfish in most south shore bays. Fish are on the move and starting to feed with more regularity. Large but thin fish seem to predominate in Shinnecock, Moriches and Great South Bay.

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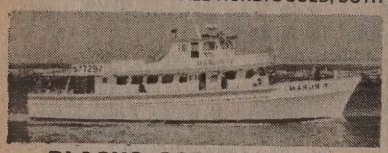

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put away 150 flounder, most in the 1-2 lb. range, fishing Shinnecock over the weekend. They worked the "basket area" with worms, clams and mussel chum. Charlie Jagger totalled 30 fish from 1-1½ lbs. fishing by himself in the same area. Fishing was done out of **Corrs' Mariners Cove** in Hampton Bays in both cases.

While good catches are still the rule in the Quogue Canal, smaller fish are beginning to predominate. By late last week, there were obvious signs of the larger flatties moving out into the open reaches of Moriches Bay to the west. The deep water around buoys 43 and 44 got most of the play over the weekend although Sonny Geturis, with a group of four Queens friends on Saturday, worked buoy 52 in the canal for a catch of 115 flatties. Steve Alter and his son Josh opted for quality rather than quantity and took a pail of big fish at buoy 44 on the same day. Bill Greene of **L&M Marine** relayed both of these scores.

Gary of **Silly Lily Fishing Station** and Jim Devito over at **Skidmore's Fishing Station**, both reported similar patterns developing in the area. Best action appears to be during the 2 or 3 hours on either side of high water. Worms and clams lead the way in the bait department, while chumming wth mussels or clams remains the key to the best scores.

Moving down to Great South Bay where nearly all of the worthwhile action is concentrated from Heckscher to points east, all reports indicate a steady improvement in the fishing. Fish remain large with Captree open boats like the **Capt. Leitch IV, Capt. Richie** and **Captree Queen** and the Bay Shore open boat **Casey Lee** all reporting pool fish well into the 2 lb. class. Nearly all fish are between 1 and 2 lbs. Boats have been working off of Sayville, Cherry Grove and Patchogue in addition to Heckscher.

While worms, clams and mussels have all been effective, Captain Richie Westlind and myself noted that these larger, early run fish seem to show a preference for fresh clam bait.

Rich Schultz and Joe Lopneier, both of Bay Shore, sampled the fishing aboard the "Casey Lee" on Saturday and totalled 42 flatties between them. Same day, Violet Gallo of Great River tallied 22 filleting size fish.

Cod were still within range of Fire Island Inlet boats on Saturday but interest appears to be on the wane. Forty-five cod were taken from offshore wrecks aboard the "Speedy VI" but Capt. Speedy Hubert decided that the lack of enthusiasm towards cod warrants a switch to flounder beginning this Saturday. The boat will sail daily at 7AM.

Tackle shops in the area had nothing concrete to report on the local flounder action other than they have had second hand reports of some decent fishing for big flatties of Heckscher.

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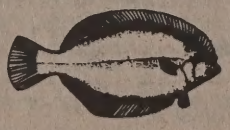
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Irene, at **Peppy's B & T** in East Islip, reminded that the leader in their shop flounder derby is Ron Rossi with a flattie of 1 lb. 10 oz.

Just a sprinkling of fish beginning to show off of Bay Shore noted Linda Miller of **Smokey's B & T** in that town. She agreed though that the best of the fishing is still to the east of Heckscher Park.

Flounder fishing has been very slow starting in the western portion of the bay and through much of the State Channel. These sentiments were echoed by Ski Kochanski at **Augie's Bait & Tackle** in Babylon and Carl Miller over at **Lindenhurst Bait & Tackle.** Carl did say though that some white perch were taken behind the local Times Square Store on Merrick Rd. this past week.

As we worked our way west, flatfishing improved with positive reports coming from the Squaw Island/West Island area. Ricky Albion and Lou Clemenz took nearly 50 flounder here on Saturday using blood worms and clam chum. They checked their catch at **Jonas' Bait & Tackle** in Copiague. Gary Corbett, who looked over the catch, said that the best action has been on outgoing water. He has seen fish up to 2 lbs.

The Seaford area seems to have come alive thanks to rising water temperatures. Catches aboard the open boat **Chinco** on Saturday ranged between 8 and 18 with many of the fish in the 1 lb. class. Hy Brown had 18 fish up to 1¾ lbs.

Paul Curcio and Ed Goughlan returned to **Pop's Fishing Station** with 20 flatties to 2½ lbs. on Saturday while another party totalled 23 fish including one doormat of 2 lb. 15 oz.

Rich Gappin and a friend took a skiff from **Capt. Eddies Fishing Station** on Sunday and put away 30 flounder. Pete and Joe Raino had 43 fish on Saturday. Action seems to be centered in the Massapequa Cove area with some fish also being taken around the 1st and 2nd Wantagh bridges. Here, too, clam or mussel chum makes a big difference.

Merrick Point also has its quota of flatfish but ''you have to work for them'' according to Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station**. Best catch he saw over the weekend was 25 fish taken by a pair of private boatmen using worms and mussel chum.

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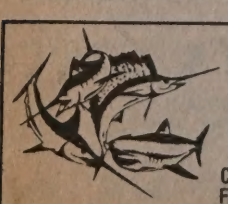

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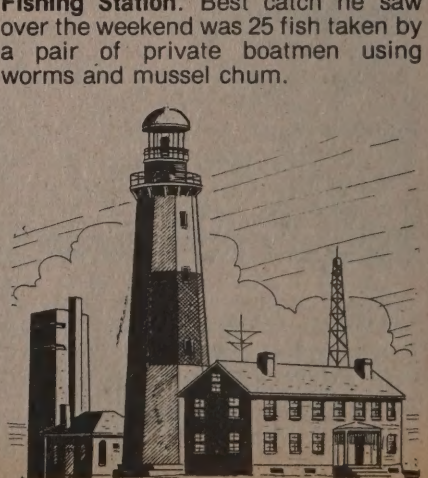

New York Bight Report

by Stu Miller

FREEPORT

The latest boat to be tying up in Woodcleft Canal is Captain Andy Chillemi's **Capt. Andy**, formerly the **Miss Freeport**. The boat will be starting its twice daily flounder trips sailing from the ALOMA Dock.

The codfishing picture remains good with most fish being taken on bait on wrecks. Saturday aboard Captain Richie Kessinger's **Starstream II** 16 fares had 75 cod with Julian Lianos of Paterson, NJ bagging a 42 lber. Vincent Krizman of North Tarrytown, NY had a 28 lber. while the rest of the fish aboard the boat ran 5-15 lbs. On Sunday's trip, over 150 cod were swung over the rail for 28 fares. A high hook with 27 cod was North Tarrytown angler Joe Bagleri. Larry McCall of Babylon scored with 16 cod while Victor Nathan Rudolph of Levittown smiled broadly at the 15 cod in his catch. These were all 5-15 lb. fish. Every Tuesday and Thursday the boat will be featuring special cod and pollack wreck trips. See ad for details.

The Happy Hookers Fishing Club had a total of 17 cod from 5-20 lbs. aboard the **Atlantic** in Sunday's fog. They that while drifting in 90' to 110' of water, on bait.

The flounder picture continues to slowly improve as the water temperatures slowly climb. Aboard the **Aloma II**, Saturday's score averaged 3-5 flounder a man. Sunday saw a high hook of 15 flounder, all fat and up to 2 lbs. Local areas are being fished with both tides working, with mussel-worm combos a prime teaser, along with very heavy mussel chumming.

The **Super Spray II** is now switching over to its two 1/2 day trips daily for flounder. See ad for details.

"Good size flounder but the numbers are off" said Captain Billy Lindroth who skippered the **Capt. Al** this past week. The water is still a little cold and you have to work for your fish. Sunday's high hook was 10 flounder and Friday's was 12. Saturday was a tough day. Fish being caught are running 1-2 lbs., with the bigger fish being caught at Squaw Island. Captain Eddie Brincat of the Captree charter boat **Capt. Eddie B** took a busman's holiday aboard the Capt. Al Sunday and claims to have pulled 20 fish himself.

The Capt. Lou Fleet will begin sailing this Saturday and says to call him regarding the champagne party he holds aboard the boat on opening day. The skipper is looking forward to an excellent flounder year and hopes

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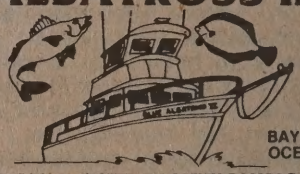

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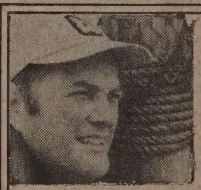

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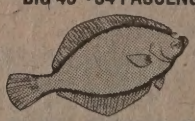

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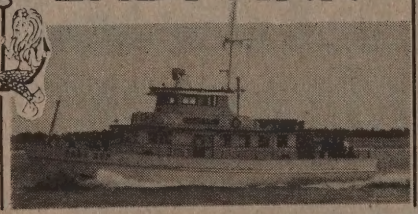

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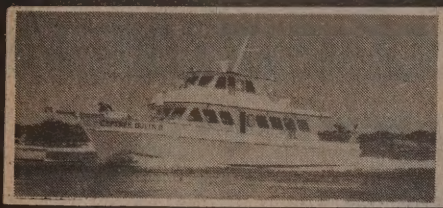

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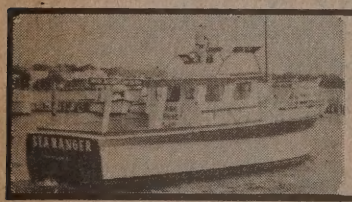

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Aboard Capt. Tony's **Miss Freeport II** catches were good up until the weekend. Friday saw a 2¼ lber caught by John Drumm of Valley Stream. The fish was weighed in at Capt. Joe's Fish Market on their digital scale. The fish measured 17½" in length. Fishing was done locally in the Freeport area.

Gary at **Hook Line and Sinker** says the hottest flounder producer so far has been the small yellow rubber grubs in conjunction with worm, outfishing corn. He advised hottest spots this past week have been Bay Park at East Rockaway and Garrett's Lead. Fish have been few but big.

BALDWIN

Some flounder off BOCES with 4-5 making up a pound of fillet says Mike at **Arthur Street Fishing Station.** Middle Bay is another good spot, says Mike. Worms seem to be the ticket.

POINT LOOKOUT

Cod was the name of the game Sunday aboard Captain Dennis' charter boat **Marie III**. Bob's Fishing Club of Lakeview fished a wreck south of Jones Inlet in 120' of water. High hook was Earl Wilson with 12 cod. There was a 4-way tie for the pool among Early, Bob Mann, Herman Garcia and John Sorgel, each with a 13 lb. fish. Catches averaged 1-4 cod a man and heavy chumming was necessary. The skipper says he still has a few open April Saturdays available and may weekends.

Flounder catches were picky in this area. Captain Walter Specht of the

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Miss Point Lookout says his fares have been catching some decent size fish from 3/4 to 2 lbs. on both trips, mostly at Garrett Lead and Baldwin Bay. No small fish says the skipper and catches are running 2-3 fish a man on the half day trips. The water is still cold and with some sunshine things should pick up strongly by the weekend. Sunday's catch was better than Saturday's and fish are hitting worm, mussel and clam.

Ed's Fishing Station also says things were picky during the week though the sizes were nice. Joe Jamio and Joe Moylan accounted for 28 nice size flounder just west of the station Friday. Rental skiffs are averaging 1-2 dozen fish a trip. Ed says within another week things should bust wide open. Six boats got out Sunday, but between the wind and the rain they came back in early.

ISLAND PARK

The **Commodore** noted an improvement in Saturday's flounder action which was called fair, with the skipper expecting much better fishing to come very shortly. Bruce Rupp of Brooklyn had 20 flounder, while Sy, a Long Beach teacher had 18 on Saturday. The skipper, fishing out of the wheelhouse had 15. Pool fish ran 1½ lbs. with outgoing tide best. Worms and mussels are working best in the back bays and Garrett Lead.

Charlie at **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook has had customers tell him of good to excellent flounder catches in the back of Woodmere Park, Bay Park and the Hewlett area. A lot of fish averaging 40-50 a man from the beach in the ½ to ¼ lb. category. Lots

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LONG BEACH

Bill Renchian and Frank Miller had 25 flounder to 1¼ lbs. at the Cedarhurst Yacht Club Saturday on worms and mussel chum reports **Long Beach Sports Marina.** Also 2 teenagers Eugene Fleck had 15 flounder up to 1 lb. fishing sand worms at Bay Park Saturday.

JAMAICA BAY

John at **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** says that for this early in the season there is a fairly good flounder run going on now with fish from 1/2 to 1½ lbs., from both bridges on worm, mussel and clam, both tides.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Flounder fishing in the western NY Bight is about the best anywhere this past week with excellent reports coming from the **Pilot II** and the **Zephyr.** Saturday was classified as super-duper by Captain Tom of the **Pilot II,** with catches of 30-50 a man not uncommon. Sunday's efforts were rewarded by catches of 15-40 a man. Fish are in the ½ to 1 lb. range. Mid-week catches were excellent also with a lot of mostly 1 lb. fish. Tom has been working the Navesink, Shrewsbury and outside the rivers (Sandy Hook Bay). Worm and mussel are the ticket.

Captain Butch on the **Zephyr** also sings the praises of the spring flounder with George Jeffries taking 93 on Friday. Catches in the 40s and 50s were not unheard of on the boat, all keepers. Sunday morning 150 big fish were caught in the 2 lb. category. The turn of the tide is the best at the Navesink and Shrewsbury rivers on worms and mussels.

STATEN ISLAND

Lenny at **Santos Sports** tells of

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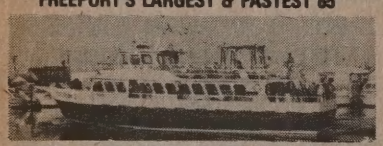

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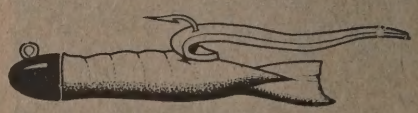

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North Shore Report

by Fred Golofaro

CITY ISLAND

The west end of the Sound seems to be jumping with flounder, with fares aboard the **North Star, Apache** and **Ebb Tide III** getting substantial catches of mixed size fish from 20-40 a man. Captain Pete Pearson of the **North Star** says that all three boats have been fishing inside Oyster Bay near a working oyster boat which has been stirring up the bottom. Fish have been taken up to 2 lbs.

GREENPORT

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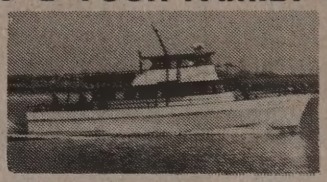

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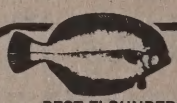

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South Fork Report

by Stu Miller

SAG HARBOR

Bridge fishermen are doing fine out in Sag Harbor, the home of LIF as evidenced by Drew Smagala's catch of three fat flounder from 2-2½ lbs. caught off the North Haven bridge on high incoming tide on mussel bait in just one hour. Drew says that other anglers had 6-8 of these fish for a few hours effort.

SHINNECOCK

It was a great weekend for flounder with the gates closed in the Shinnecock Canal reports Freddie of **Altenkirch Tackle.** Good quantities of fish were taken by carfuls of anglers and the biggest fish brought into the store hit 2 lbs. Saturday with the lucky angler being Diane Sitzabee of Mineola. The fish was taken on red-dyed clam. The fish was very skinny says Freddie and should have been a 3 lber. if it were filled out. The general run of fish was 3/4 to 1 lb. Larger flatties are being caught in Heady Creek at The Shinnecock Indian Reservation.

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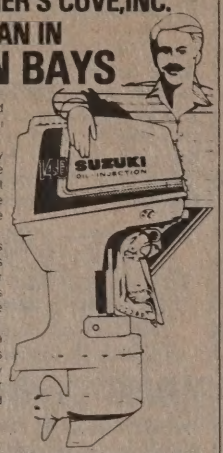

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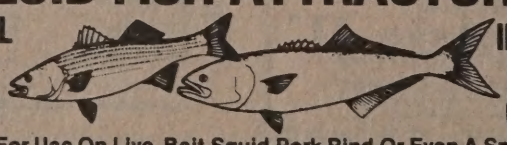

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First try to slack off on the hit in the hopes that the fish will inhale the worm and head. This often works, but if it doesn't, you will have to rig a trailer hook. I find that I rarely need them, so I either carry one tail hook rigged worm or carry the trailer hooks snelled and ready to attach. Worms can be rigged through the body like eels, with one, two, or three hooks; but because they are rarely needed, I do not think the work is worth it. Bluefish make short work of tail hook rigged worms—another reason to avoid the extra work.

To minimize deadening the action of the worm, I use only one small strong hook snelled to a length of 15 lb. test Ande mono. The hook is a size 4 or 2 "perfect." These are bronze finish forged fly tying hooks. The other end of the mono is looped around the bend of your jig hook (with the worm already in position) and secured by tying an improved clinch knot. The point of the hook is pushed through the worm near the tail end, leaving a little slack in the snell to allow for action. When a fish hits, you strike immediately. The tail hook will tear loose from the worm, but if you hooked it lightly you can use the same rig for several fish. This hook and snell is strong enough to take fish of any size. Your knots should be carefully tied, because there are now three of them to fail, instead of just one.

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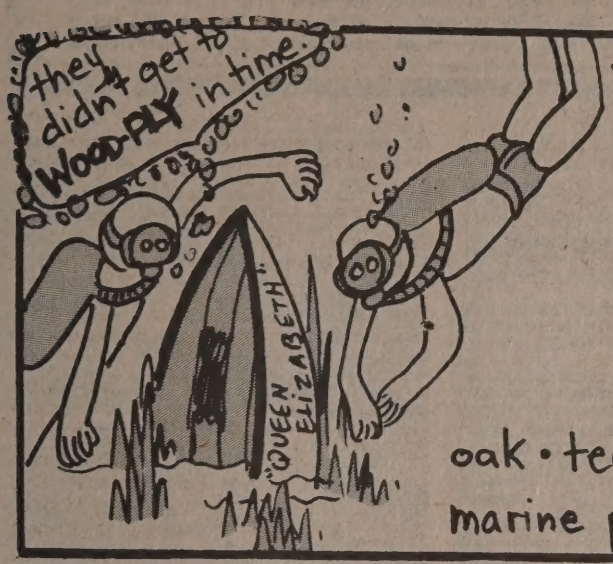

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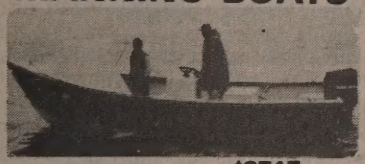

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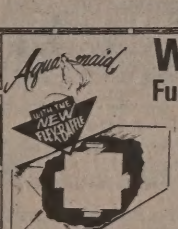

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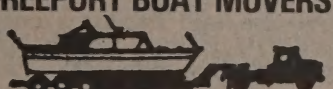

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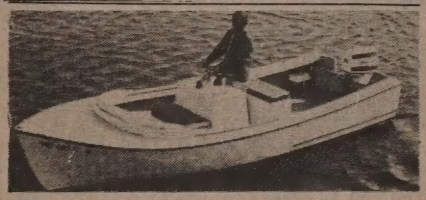

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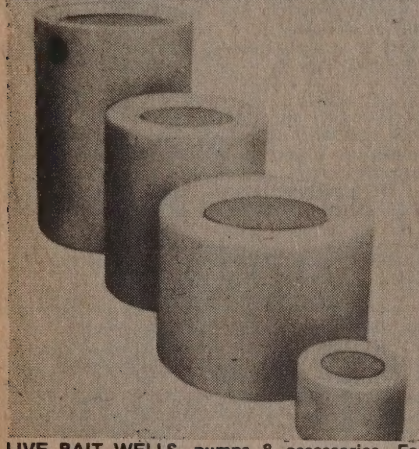

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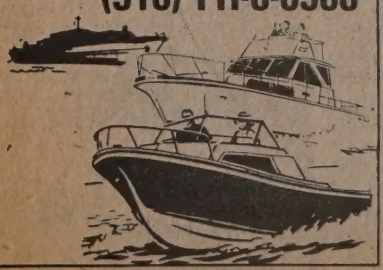

EDITORIAL:
Input to Mid-Atlantic Council

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have been selected to represent. Therefore, we expect your enthusiastic support for this plan in the future.

Fourth, we seek a sound management plan for summer flounder (fluke) as soon as possible. We have seen evidence in recent years that some commercial and recreational harvest practices along the East Coast could jeopardize the vitality of stocks of this species.

Fifth and finally, we are very concerned about the protection of the so-called 50 fathom area of the Continental Shelf located southeast of Long Island where great numbers of fluke, porgy, sea bass, and some significant numbers of weakfish spend the winter. We believe this area should be closed completely to all fishing between December 1 and May 1. We believe these species are vulnerable when on their winter grounds to excessive harvests. The potential for serious excess harvest in this zone during the winter months exists, and excess harvest could impact negatively on both the commercial and recreational fisheries in New York State where all four species are actively pursued.

We thank you for your sincere attention to our input and interests.

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet...–0 50" is listed under "ON SANDY HOOK." –0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK		Breakwater Harbor		NEW YORK		NEW LONDON		WILLETS POINT		BRIDGE-PORT		NEWPORT		DATE
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	
THUR.	7:40	8:00	8:25	8:45	8:15	8:35	9:05	9:25	10:55	11:15	11:00	11:20	7:35	7:55	3/25
FRI.	8:25	8:45	9:05	9:25	8:55	9:15	9:50	10:10	11:35	11:55	11:40	–	8:20	8:40	3/26
SAT.	9:05	9:25	9:50	10:10	9:40	10:00	10:35	10:55	–	12:20	12:00	12:30	9:05	9:25	3/27
SUN.	9:55	10:15	10:35	10:55	10:30	10:55	11:25	11:45	12:40	1:10	12:45	1:15	9:55	10:15	3/28
MON.	10:50	11:10	11:25	11:50	11:25	11:50	–	12:20	1:25	2:00	1:35	2:10	10:45	11:10	3/29
TUE.	11:45	–	–	12:20	–	12:25	12:35	1:15	2:15	2:55	2:25	3:05	11:40	–	3/30
WED.	12:05	12:45	12:50	1:25	12:45	1:25	1:40	2:25	3:15	4:05	3:30	4:10	12:10	12:45	3/31
THUR.	1:10	1:50	1:55	2:35	1:50	2:30	2:45	3:35	4:25	5:45	4:35	5:20	1:15	1:50	4/1

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	–0 01
Red Bank, Navesink, R.I.	+0 48
Long Branch	–0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	–0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	–0 12
Seaside Park	–0 33
Mantoloking zbridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	–0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	–0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 46
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	–0 02
Rehoboth Beach	–0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Pontunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
Democrat Point	–0 38
Coast Guard Station	–0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	–0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	–0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	–0 08
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 13
Sachem Head	–0 10
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford	+0 27
Shelton	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor	–0 03
Saugatuck River	–0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	–0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	–0 01
Norwich	+0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+1 10
Lyme	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	–0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
Port Chester	–0 09
Mamaroneck	–0 08
New Rocheele	–0 24
Davids Island	–0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
Miami Beach	+1 17
East Point	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	–0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburg	+3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	–0 10
Tiverton	+0 21
Beavertail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+0 10
Bristol	+0 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayett Point	+0 12
Pawtucket	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Harbor	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Old Harbor	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

3/26	5:54	6:19
3/27	5:52	6:20
3/28	5:50	6:21
3/29	5:48	6:22
3/30	5:46	6:23
3/31	5:44	6:24
4/1	5:43	6:25

Moonrise/Moonset

3/26	6:51AM	7:46PM
3/27	7:23AM	8:57PM
3/28	7:58AM	10:10PM
3/29	8:37AM	11:21PM
3/30	9:21AM	–
3/31	10:13AM	12:29AM
4/1	11:12AM	1:32AM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
4/23	4/1	4/8	4/16

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